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*Derby's Vic Moreland climbs
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WANDERING BOSS

BLACKPOOL'S Bob Stokoe has become the Happy Wanderer of managers. Since his first managerial job with Bury which lasted three years and eight months, he has been with Charlton (25 months), Rochdale (one year), Carlisle United (26 months), Blackpool (23 months), Sunderland (47 months), Bury again (six months) and now Blackpool again.

Where next, Bob?

PETERBOROUGH United are the only club in the Football League history to have on their books two men who have scored a hat-trick of penalties in a League game.

The players concerned are Alan Slough, who did so last April, and Trevor Anderson who converted three spot-kicks for Swindon in April, 1976.

NEWS

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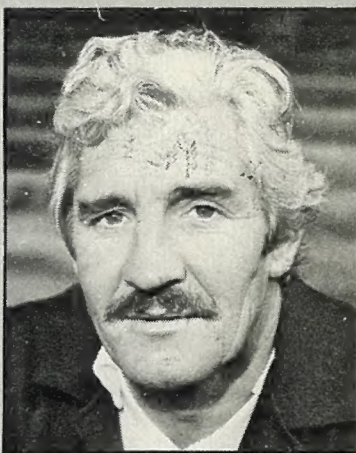


DESK

THE dubious honour of being the first League of Ireland manager to be sacked this season goes to Ralph O'Flaherty, dismissed by St. Patrick's Athletic recently.

New boss is Charlie Walker, a former Eire youth manager.

WHY IAN GREAVES LOST HIS TEMPER WITH JIMMY FRIZZELL



AS SOCCER managers come and go, Ian Greaves (above) and Jimmy Frizzell (right) are the best of friends.

Yet the Bolton boss got very hot under the collar with his old chum recently, when he read he wanted to sign Wanderers striker Neil Whatmore.

There's more to it than that, of course.

Oldham fans, disgruntled at the way the club has slipped down the table after a very promising start, were asking when Frizzell was going to strengthen the side.

Now in common with most managers Jimmy doesn't like to give too much away when he's contemplating a new signing, but on this occasion he felt he owed it to his supporters to show them the quality of player he was trying to bring to Boundary Park.

Hence a newspaper story revealing Oldham had bids — all turned down — for Derek



Fazackerley (Blackburn), David Kemp (Carlisle), Simon Stainrod (Sheffield United), Jack Ashurst (Sunderland) and Whatmore.

"I wanted to let the fans know of our efforts to sign new players, but it has turned into a bad joke," says Frizzell.

"They must have read the names of a dozen players who I have offered money for, or at least made an inquiry about.

"The danger now is they are going to start thinking I am just floating names at random to pacify them.

"I think it might be safer all round if I keep any further transfer plan under wraps until the deal has been successfully completed."

Ian Greaves will definitely agree with that. When he read of the interest in Whatmore he immediately got on the phone to Frizzell and gave him a real blasting.

"I thought the phone was going to melt. He really let rip at me, although I thought he over-reacted," said the Oldham manager.

Greaves made the point he was trying to keep Whatmore happy as it was, having lost his striking role to Frank Worthington and Alan Gowling, and this sort of publicity could only unsettle the player further.

Fortunately the rift between the two managers was quickly healed, and their 20-year-old friendship was resumed over a nip of something to keep the cold out.



FAMILY portrait... Ipswich Town's unsettled midfield star Mick Lambert poses for SHOOT with wife Pat, daughter Sonia aged four and baby Christopher.

CAN YOU HELP?

GRENVILLE Firth, whose official History of Barnsley was a sell-out, has started on a second book, a Pictorial History of the club.

If any readers have any photos of Barnsley team-groups or players Mr. Firth would be grateful to hear from them. He is particularly interested in obtaining a copy of the match programme from Barnsley's F.A. Cup replay v. West Brom during the 1910-11 season.

His address is 10 Guildway, Todwick, Sheffield S31 0HN.

HULL CITY'S new striker Keith Edwards from Sheffield United has hit 14 goals (up to and including March 31st) this season — and believe it or not that makes him the club's leading scorer for four years!

In the past three seasons Hull's top scorer has been so with six, six and seven goals respectively.

SOLE CAP DOWD

SHEFFIELD Wednesday's Northern Ireland international central defender Hugh Dowd, sidelined by injury for much of this term, is the only full cap currently at Hillsborough.

Changed times, indeed, for The Owls, who, in post-war soccer alone, have had the likes of Ron Springett, Peter Swan, Jackie Sewell, Albert Quixall (England), Dave Clements (Northern Ireland), Jim McCalliog (Scotland) and Peter Rodrigues (Wales), on their books.

Mind you, present Owls' boss Jack Charlton and coach Ian St. John, one-time F.A. Cup Final opponents when Leeds met Liverpool, in 1965, totalled 66 caps between them, for England and Scotland, respectively, in their illustrious playing careers.

MIDDLESBROUGH hope Yugoslavia continues at peace. After his £100,000 signing Bosco Jankovic returned home for a few days. A Boro official explained: "Jankovic is registered for National Service. He has to obtain a final Army clearance and show the authorities his future address — in case there is a War."

PELE PASSING THROUGH

FOOTBALL fans at Heathrow Airport were given an unexpected treat last month when the former Brazilian soccer star Pele passed through London en route to Zurich.

He told fans: "I have business in Switzerland but maybe I will stop in London on my way home to Brazil. I would like to see some old friends."

The Brazilian star has now retired from full-time competitive soccer, after a spell in the U.S. with the Cosmos.

"From time to time I am invited to play in charity matches and I still enjoy these very much. I try to keep fit and train with my old team Santos, but I am not as sharp as I used to be."

Still sharp enough for most of our First Division teams, I fancy.

ENGLAND'S Under-15 team meet Wales in a friendly at Wembley on Saturday, 24th March. Kick-off 3.00p.m.

BIDS FOR O'LEARY

SHAMROCK Rovers have turned down offers of £50,000 from Spurs and Coventry for Pierce O'Leary. The clubs will have to increase their offer if they hope to sign the younger brother of Arsenal's David.

And should any English club try and entice the highly-rated Richie Bayly from Milltown, the asking price is £100,000.

Manager Johnny Giles does not want to lose the 16-year-old who has already played in Europe, but if he does, Giles will ensure an English club pays a realistic fee for a League of Ireland player.

CONTINENTAL aces Ajax and Anderlecht are keeping a close watch on Irish League potential. Their top Ulster-based targets at the moment appear to be brilliant Portadown duo Willie Gordon and Jim Cleary, who are also attracting several Football League outfits.

ALBION EXILES

SHOOT has been asked to print details of two supporters' clubs which exist for West Bromwich Albion fans living in the North and South of England. Both clubs organise party travel to most of Albion's home and away matches. For details of: W.B.A. NORTHERN BRANCH — Contact Paul Evans, 2 Central Place, Clayton, Bradford, West Yorks.; W.B.A. LONDON BRANCH — Contact Rab Rogers, 92A Randolph Avenue, Maida Vale, London W.9.

TOUGH COMEBACK

HEARTS new goalkeeper, Thomson Allan, signed from Dundee whom he walked out on at the start of the season, made his big-time comeback the hard way — against League leaders Rangers at Tynecastle. After the Edinburgh side's 3-2 victory, manager Willie Ormond was loud in his praise for his £10,000 signing. Hearts signed Allan in opposition to St Johnstone who made the first approach and thought they had sewn the deal up while the 'keeper was on loan to Meadowbank Thistle.

DEADLY GREAVES

THE news that Jimmy Greaves wanted to make a Football League comeback brought back some unhappy memories for Bristol City defender Norman Hunter (right).

"When I was with Leeds United, I think Jimmy scored against us every time we played. I don't believe any other player scored as many times against me.

"In my book, Jimmy was the deadliest finisher around. I know a lot of people say Denis Law was, and while Denis was a great player, Greaves was the tops for me. I've seen him score goals that just weren't on."



Talent-spotter

FAMOUS playwright Willis Hall, a Brentford director, obviously knows a striker when he sees one. And now The Bees are hoping he has done them a big favour.

Willis was the man who recommended St. Albans City centre-forward John Mitchell to the then Fulham manager Bill Dodgin, who now bosses Brentford.

Mitchell's scoring feats took Fulham to Wembley for the 1975 F.A. Cup Final against West Ham, he netted 56 goals for the Cottagers — and finally earned them £100,000 when he moved to Millwall.

Now, Willis has spotted another striker in the St Albans area — 20-year-old Bob Booker. Dodgin was so impressed he quickly snapped him up.

JOHN Toshack is pulling no punches in trying to lead Swansea City to better things under his management.

He has told his first team players, among them former Liverpool team-mates Ian Callaghan and Tommy Smith, that he wants more effort from the side, otherwise players will be dropped.

He has accused one or two players of "playing only when they want to."



WHEN STAN "JOINED" THE RICH KIDS

TOP recording stars The Rich Kids have a hero . . . and he's Q.P.R. and England footballer Stan Bowles.

When the group were asked to take part in a charity football competition at Wembley by organiser Elton John last November they were told they could include one professional player in their line-up.

Naturally they chose Stan, seen here with from top left to right: Henry McGroggan (Scottish Road manager), Rusty Egan (drummer), Steve New (guitar), Glen Matlock (bass guitar and vocals) and Mudge Ure (guitar, keyboards and lead vocals).

Stan's fee for playing . . . a signed copy of The Rich Kids' latest album "Ghosts of Princes in Towers".

KEEP it up, Joe! Everton's 18-year-old left-winger Joe McBride has already added nine Youth caps to the three he won at Schoolboy level for Scotland.

Young Joe, who signed professional for Everton on his 18th birthday last August, already knows a lot about the goalscoring business . . . he netted a hat-trick for Scotland Youth against Finland.

His dad, a former Celtic and Scotland star of the Sixties, has been the inspiration behind Joe's success.

FULL marks for determination to beat the freezing conditions which hit the North of Scotland must go to Nairn County. They flew the 120-mile journey to play Wick, not daring to risk the roads. But because of the lack of room the players stripped before boarding, leaving their huge hamper behind. Nairn won 3-1 then covered in mud flew back to Nairn for a well-earned bath. Two substitutes made the long journey by car in case any of the team was affected by air sickness.

JOE WARD, Aston Villa's £80,000 signing from Clyde, should get on well with his fellow-Scot Andy Gray in the forward-line. They should know each other's style of play . . . they are former team-mates in the Scottish Youth side.

YO-YO WATSON

WHO'S got a better claim than Doncaster-born defender Graham Watson to the Soccer Champion Yo-Yo title? He was with Rotherham United when relegated from Division Two in 1968 . . . was a Doncaster Rover when they rose from Four and descended from Three . . . and followed by helping Cambridge to ascend twice from Four and once from Three, and down once from Three! Now he's with Lincoln City — and they are in the Third!

A COUPLE OF CROCKS

SOCCER can be a tough sport as George Foster and his pet dog both know.

The skipper of Third Division Plymouth Argyle and his Boxer, Sadie, share broken bones through playing the game.

Their bad breaks came within two days of each other recently.

First soccer-daft Sadie chased a practice ball across a frozen park, skidded badly and broke her toe.

Back at her home in Plymouth 22-year-old George told how he went "snap" too. He said: "A couple of nights later during our home game with Oxford I went for a 50-50 ball and broke a leg in the tackle.

"I'm out for the rest of the season now and it's going to be a while before Sadie chases a ball round the park again.

"We are both a couple of old crocks with our legs in plaster. When we start to hobble round again we are going to be a very funny sight with me on crutches and Sadie on three legs."



FEBRUARY TRANSFERS

Petar Barota (Partisan(Yugo) to Chelsea)
Jim Docherty (East Stirling to Chelsea)
Ian Fleming (Aberdeen to Sheff. Wed.)
Trevor Francis (Birmingham to Notim. For.)

Mark Gray (Orient to Fulham)
Lee Harwood (Southampton to Wimbledon)
Bosco Jankovic (Yugoslavia to Middlesbrough)
Ged Keegan (Man. C. to Oldham)
Peter Kitchen (Orient to Fulham)
Ray Lewington (Chelsea to Vancouver Whitecaps)
Alan Mayes (Watford to Swindon)
Kevin Moore (Swansea to Newport)
Ronnie Moore (Tranmere to Cardiff)
Phil Parkes (Q.P.R. to West Ham)
Gordon Smith (Aston Villa to Spurs)
Frans Thijssen (Twente Enschede to Ipswich)
Tommy Tynan (Lincoln to Newport)
Carl Valentine (Oldham to Vancouver Whitecaps)
Imrie Varadi (Sheffield U. to Everton)
Dave Wagstaffe (Blackpool to Blackburn)
Keith Weller (Leicester to New England Tea Men)

Alan Whittle (Iran to Orient)
Clive Wigginton (Lincoln C. to Grimsby)
John Pickering appointed manager Blackburn R. Brian Green resigned as manager Rochdale and appointed asst.-manager Stockport Co.



YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

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The ball goes over the touch-line near a corner-post. Taking a quick throw-in a player throws the ball from behind the goal-line. Is this allowed?

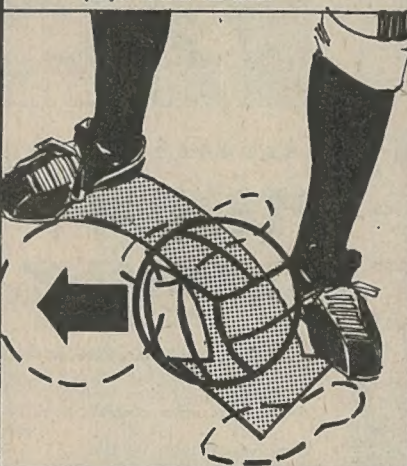
2

A player taking a penalty-kick decides to dribble the ball forward before kicking it into goal. Should you award a goal?



3

Kicking-off, a player steps over the ball with one foot then taps it to a team-mate with the other. Do you: (a) award a free-kick, (b) take no action or (c) make the player re-take the kick?



4

A goalkeeper when fetching the ball behind his goal, carries the ball back into his goal-area before throwing it to an opponent for a corner-kick. He does this on three occasions, should you: (a) caution him, (b) take no action or (c) award an indirect free-kick?



5

Which is the correct size for a goal: (a) 23ft. x 8ft. 6ins., (b) 24ft. x 8ft. 3ins. or (c) 24ft. x 8ft.?



ANSWERS

1. No. 2. No. 3. Make the player re-take the kick (c). 4. Caution him (a). In the F.A. Cup match between Wrexham and Tottenham, the Spurs goalkeeper kept doing this. I warned him and then cautioned him. I am afraid this is one aspect which is prevalent in the Football League, and our supporters are fed up with it. 5. 24ft. x 8ft. (c).

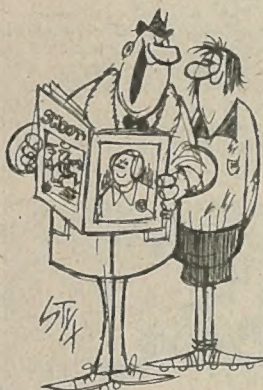
FOOTBALL FUNNIES



This week Oldham's IAN WOOD selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



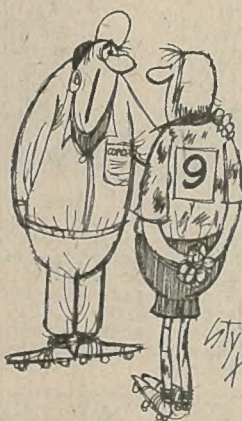
"If you would remove your Elton John cap for a minute — I'll let you into a little secret"



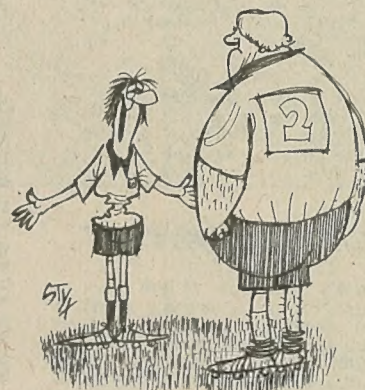
"This Focus on you in SHOOT — 'If you weren't a footballer, what would you be?' — should read — If you WERE a footballer?"



"I find it rather awkward telling him to keep away from the night club, boss — you see, he owns it"



"Son, I told you to drive a straight road to the goal — NOT go on a mystery tour"



"Can't you give me a teeny weeny kiss when I score instead of picking me up with that dirty big bear hug"

SPOT ON...

Aston Villa's Jimmy Rimmer goes the wrong way as Jimmy Greenhoff of Manchester United makes no mistake.



The trusty left foot of Arsenal's Liam Brady is spot-on against West Brom.



You can't see Q.P.R.'s Stan Bowles, but he's just scored from the spot against Spurs.



Phil Neal scores Liverpool's winning goal against Manchester City.



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When writing to us please mention the two features you liked best in the latest issue of SHOOT!

This week's Star Letter comes from Bill Smith of Portway, Andover, in Hants, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

COURTEOUS ROBSON

AN ARTICLE in your sister publication **SOCCER MONTHLY** about Bobby Robson (below) the Ipswich manager failed to mention his quality of character that the big-time has not taken away from him... the one of common courtesy and consideration for others.

I remember last year I was fortunate enough to obtain a stand ticket for the European Cup Final at Wembley. A broken ankle wasn't stopping this Liverpool fanatic from going!

After spending some time hobbling around on my plaster cast I went to look around the shops in the centre of Wembley. Trying to cross the road was almost impossible and I was stranded in the middle with cars seemingly determined to keep me there until after the match!

I couldn't hurry, of course, so imagine my surprise when a Daimler pulled up and a voice said: "Off you go, son."

It was Bobby Robson and while it was only a small thing, courtesy of this nature is far too rare. I'm a Liverpool fan, but I hope Ipswich win every honour in the game now... providing they don't beat Liverpool in getting there!



● In that case, you were presumably happy and sad when The Reds knocked Town out of the F.A. Cup!

Spoilt Fans

AS A long-time Manchester United follower, I must express my disgust and disappointment over the Old Trafford fans' disgraceful behaviour. How can they justify booing and staying away when this great team has provided such excitement and success over the decades?

Even in this "disaster" season they are reasonably placed in the League and have had a good F.A. Cup run. Many clubs would rejoice

at such a situation and everyone at United should be proud of the splendid work being done.

United supporters are nothing but spoilt and should pull themselves together, giving the side the backing it deserves.

N. BARALDSNES,
HUDDERSFIELD.

● It's a transitional period for The Reds and they aren't playing the sort of football the United fans have come to expect. Fans everywhere are fickle and quick to express their feelings. The standards at Old Trafford are high and the regulars won't accept anything less.

Indigestion

IF SCOTLAND fans think they'll be leaving England for breakfast in May, they will definitely get chronic indigestion!

JOANNA MIODRAG,
LEEDS.

● No matter WATSON the menu the Scots could be feeling ROUGH and looking a little GRAY and may have to NEAL down.

Same Answers

FOOTBALLERS are often accused of lacking intelligence and some of the comments in the Focus feature bear this out. Are their likes and dislikes really confined to such shallow matters as watching T.V. or not liking arrogant people?

Is the biggest drag always losing or travelling? If they weren't footballers, is being a pop star an adequate answer? Is the height of their ambition to meet the guy who presents the Pools cheques?

P. WALSHAW,
SHEFFIELD.

● Well, I wouldn't mind meeting the guy from Littlewoods. Perhaps we'll see a player answering Miscellaneous Dislikes with "people who criticise our miscellaneous dislikes" now. Focus is one of the most popular features in SHOOT and if you were a footballer and football was your living I'm sure losing would be the biggest drag in your life.

Rough Justice

IHAD to laugh when Malcolm Allison's Manchester City were bundled out of the F.A. Cup by Shrewsbury.

Big Mal had openly criticised Alan Rough on T.V., saying he wasn't as good as other goalkeepers (presumably English keepers).

Scotsport showed the non-justification of Allison's remarks by showing mistakes of "the best goalies in the world", Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence.

GRAEME WARK,
HAMILTON.

● I'm still trying to work out how mistakes by other goalkeepers make Alan Rough a good one.

RAY CLEMENCE talking soccer



Ray Clemence with baby son, Stephen.

PHIL PARKES WILL

ANSWERING readers' letters is something I especially enjoy because it gives me the chance to cover a wide range of topics.

First off the pile I've selected for this column is one from Ray Harrington of Warrington, Lancs, who writes: "Surely proof the transfer market has gone haywire is the buying of Phil Parkes, an old goalkeeper, from Q.P.R. for the astronomical sum of £565,000 by West Ham, a Second Division club. I know Phil is a friend of yours, Clem, and you're bound to defend him, but you must admit the price is ridiculous."

Six or nine months ago I would have been staggered that such an amount should be paid for any player, but the transfer market has been hit by such wild inflation I must confess I didn't raise an eyebrow.

It's all a question of perspective. We've seen Gordon McQueen, a centre-half, go to Manchester United for around half-a-million pounds; a midfield man, David Mills, bought for a similar sum by West Brom and not immediately slotted into the first team; so why kick up a fuss about a top 'keeper commanding a big fee?

No longer is the man in my position given a lower price on his head than outfield players.

As for Phil being "old", it must be remembered whereas at 28-years-of-age, a striker, for instance, is rightly regarded as being past his best, a 'keeper is coming into his prime. His experience allows him to make decisions more quickly, to be more decisive, especially when coming off his line, and to take up positions that allow him to collect

the ball without dashing about the goalmouth.

Phil, an England goalkeeper like me, could turn out to be the wisest buy of the season, keep down West Ham's goals-against and so enable them to grab one of the three promotion slots.

Always an attractive attacking side, The Hammers have for so long been notorious for giving away easy, unnecessary goals, and with Phil behind the defence things must improve in this direction.

Faded

It's unfortunate his arrival spelt the end at Upton Park for Mervyn Day, a few years ago voted the "Players' Young Player of the Year" because of his outstanding promise as a teenager. Like so many such youngsters, Mervyn faded, lost his place, and when he regained it showed he had lost confidence in his ability.

This is a quality that Phil has never lacked, and it's bound to improve the performances of the men in front of him, to such an extent they'll be playing in the First Division next season.

My next letter comes from Bill Adamson of Walthamstow, London, who wants to know "whether, after a midweek game at home, Liverpool players automatically get the next day off."

If the game is played on a Monday or Tuesday evening, yes we do, Bill. But if it takes place on a Wednesday evening, we all have to report in at midday for a hot bath and to have any knocks or other injuries attended to. This is simply because

if we didn't appear until Friday, our "medics" would only have a day to get us fit for Saturday's match.

Sundays, of course, we invariably have off, unless we are travelling abroad or are carrying a serious injury which needs quick attention.

Proof I can never hope to please all my readers came in a letter from Steven Belcher of Neath, West Glamorgan, who, even though he lives in Wales, is a diehard Chelsea supporter.

He refers to a column in which I previewed this season's F.A. Cup Third Round, when I mentioned that Chelsea, in 1978, had heaped on Liverpool the indignity of being knocked out of the competition at the first stage, something which I believe had only happened six times previously to my club since the War.

His final paragraph read: "Any other Chelsea fan reading that column would feel insulted by the fact you think Chelsea beating Liverpool is a shock result."

Sorry, Steven, I feel it's you who should be facing a fact. Liverpool were Champions of England and Europe at the time, while Chelsea were struggling in the bottom half of the First Division. I'd be surprised if a single Pools tipster had put Liverpool down as anything other than winners at Stamford Bridge.

Our defeat made sensational headlines, especially as we were beaten by the wide margin of four

and give myself time to get back into goal, I tried to kick it down the wing to a team-mate. Instead, it went straight to Brian Hill.

And, while I stood stranded on the touchline feeling a candidate for caps and bells, he coolly knocked it into our empty net. Grimsby won 7-1.

Naturally, every one of us "new-comers" expected to be dropped for the next game, but Freddie admitted he'd been wrong in blood-ing so many youngsters at once, and I and a couple of others held our places for the next match, away at Swansea.

There a 1-0 win boosted our confidence and justified Freddie's policy.

The staff on SHOOT try to correct any mistakes I make in my columns, but, unfortunately, they missed one which has been pointed out by George Orme, of Upton Lane, Chester.

In my preview to our F.A. Cup-tie against Blackburn Rovers, I said their manager was Fred Pickering, the former Everton player, when he is, in fact, named John Pickering. "That clanger is as bad as the goal you gave Arsenal earlier this season! Shame on your ignorance, Ray!" ends George, who is obviously an Evertonian.

My apologies all round, especially to John Pickering, who, I'm afraid, was unknown to me at the time, but who I've discovered is a one-time player with Halifax and Barnsley. I

wish him all the luck in his task of trying to keep Blackburn, a club with a marvellous tradition of winning Championships and F.A. Cups, mainly before the First World War, in the Second Division for next season.

Now for a question from Peter Fonde, who, because he lives in Barbados, is only able to follow Liverpool by watching TV recordings of our matches.

"I would like to know how many first team appearances you have made for The Reds."

It's around 550, Peter. Last season I broke the club record for consecutive appearances, something of which I am, naturally, proud, and



'Joe Royle's goal was mishit'

recently someone informed me I had kept over 250 clean sheets.

Since I mentioned that Liverpool had made a record called "Hail to the Kop", so many people have complained about not finding it in the shops.

It seems clear the makers, "Logo Records", have not done a grand distribution job, so I can only recommend disappointed buyers to order it at their local record shops.

"In the background there seems to be one person singing on his own. Could you tell me who it is, please?" asks Hazel Marsh of Crawley, Sussex.

It's none other than Steve Heighway, Anfield's answer to Rod Stewart, Hazel.

My final letter is from David Laney, of Portishead, Bristol. "Down here in the West Country you are extremely popular, and you must have gathered that from the reception you got from the popular end at Ashton Gate when you came down on December 16 to play Bristol City."

"Could you give me your views on the Joe Royle goal that won the game for City?"

No sour grapes, but the goal was not a good one by his standards. The ball was mishit, coming off his

GIVE HAMMERS VALUE-FOR-MONEY

goals to two.

It was a shock result, all right. Certainly we, at Liverpool, regard it as one of the biggest setbacks we've had in years — even bigger than losing 3-1 later in the League at Stamford Bridge, where we had hoped to get our revenge.

Liverpool have many supporters in both Northern and the Republic of Ireland, and they often come up with interesting questions for me to answer. This one, from Damien McCallion of Sligo, conjures up an embarrassing memory.

"I would like to know the game in which you conceded most goals," he asks.

Seven is the unlucky number, Damien, and they went past me in only my second game for my first club, Scunthorpe United. Manager Freddie Goodwin had embarked on a policy of introducing a lot of youngsters in the side, and I took over the number one jersey from Geoff Sidebottom.

We went to Grimsby to play Town in a midweek evening floodlit game, and it turned out to be a nightmare for us.

They had three devastating forwards with so much experience it was really a case of men against boys. Winger Brian Hill kept putting over deadly crosses for Matt Tees and Rodney Green, who later went on to continue their goalscoring double act with Charlton Athletic, to get on the end of.

Tees scored a hat-trick, Green got two, somebody else another, and Brian Hill a goal that was my fault entirely.

The ball was out near a corner flag and I went for it. Instead of booting it into the crowd to clear the danger



Phil Parkes safely gathers from Steve Gardner of Oldham.

shin, and I was unsighted by Phil Thompson in front of me.

Being an ex-Everton player, Joe was especially delighted to get the goal against former Merseyside rivals.

I'm sure, though, Joe would agree with me that City's build-up to the goal was perfect, pulling our defence apart and allowing the ball to go through to him.

Now for my preview to this Saturday's League game at Anfield, against Ipswich Town.

The Blues won't have forgiven us for knocking them out of the F.A. Cup in the Sixth Round, and so wrecking their hopes of retaining the trophy.

But I'll be talking about our 1-0 win at Portman Road in my next column, when I preview our Semi-Final tie.

Last season, Ipswich took a point off us at Anfield in a ding-dong 2-2 draw in front of a crowd of over 40,000 — among our biggest gates.

The scorers were Trevor Whymark and Mick Lambert. Trevor is now with Vancouver Whitecaps full time, and Mick is on the transfer list, I'm told.

Our scorers were Kenny Dalglish and Graeme Souness, both of whom should be on duty for us and keen to help get both points.

Liverpool are on course for our first-ever "double".

Ray Clemence

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Remember when Southampton went to Old Trafford and won 4-1, with Ron Davies scoring all their goals? Well, please settle an argument by telling me who got United's goal?

C. HEENAN
SOUTHAMPTON

● That First Division game was played on 16th August, 1970 — with, as you say, Ron Davies claiming all four for Saints.

United's consolation goal came from Willie Morgan.

Incidentally, United got their own back by winning the return 3-0 at The Dell on 8th October.

Top in Europe

I'd like to know which current British player has scored the most goals in a European club competition in a single season?

MATTI EINIO,
FINLAND

● By my reckoning, Matti, it's Stan Bowles of Q.P.R.

In four ties in the U.E.F.A. Cup in 1976-77, Bowles hit 11 goals — three in each leg against Brann Bergen; two away, and one at home, against Slovan Bratislava; one at home against FC Cologne; and one at home against AEK Athens.

Moore for England

I know Bobby Moore played a record 108 full internationals for England, but did he ever score?

MARK BLAMPED,
JERSEY

● Yes, superstar defender Moore did come upfield and manage it twice. Mark — in the run-up to his triumphant leadership of England in the 1966 World Cup.

First Bobby scored in the 1-1 draw with Poland at Goodison Park on 5th January, 1966, and then he repeated it, four games later, in the 6-1 win over Norway in Oslo on 29th June.

Sheffield United

As a fanatical overseas Sheffield United supporter, I'd like to know something of their history before they joined the Football League?

ALAN ROBERTS,
NEW ZEALAND

SHORT PASSES

● Arsenal reached the F.A. Cup Finals of 1971 and 1972 without ever being drawn at home.

(ANDY MIDGLEY, Peterborough)

● Tommy Lawton gained eight full England caps before the War, and 15 after it. He also played in 23 unofficial Wartime and "Victory" internationals.

(JOHN TEEHAN, Eire)

● This season was Liverpool's first "in Europe" without scoring a single goal.

(BOB BEATTIE, New Zealand)

● Liam Brady joined Arsenal as an apprentice in July, 1971, and signed as a full pro. in August, 1973.

(PAULINE DISNEY, Eire)

● George Camsell scored 59 goals in 37 Second Division games for Middlesbrough in 1926-27. Dixie Dean scored 60 goals in 39 First Division games for Everton in 1927-28.

(MARTIN ASKINS, Redcar)

● The club was formed in 1889, Alan — by members of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club and the Sheffield United Cricket Club who wanted to continue playing sport at Bramall Lane in the winter months.

They first played in the Midland League, and then in the Northern League, before being elected to the then new Second Division in 1892 — winning promotion at first attempt.

● Moscow Dynamo's normal colours are light blue shirts, and white (or blue) shorts.

(SEAN NEYLON, Chelmsford)

● Tranmere were elected to the League in 1921; their record win is 13-4 (v. Oldham; Div Three North; 26th December, 1935).

(DARREN SANDERSON, Hull)

● More than 400 League and Cup games were postponed in England and Scotland in the 1962-63 season.

(IAIN McDONALD, Grays)

● Billy Wright played a club-record 491 League games for Wolves between 1946 and 1959. He played 105 times for England, including a world-record of 70 successive caps.

(DAVID GAYLORD, Plymouth)

● Phil Neal joined Liverpool from Northampton in October, 1974; he made his full England debut, v. Wales, in March, 1976.

(ALISON HAYES, Marlow)

● Middlesbrough's most-capped player is Wilf Mannion, who played 26 times for England between 1946-47 and 1951-52.

(BRIDGET JONES, Cleveland)

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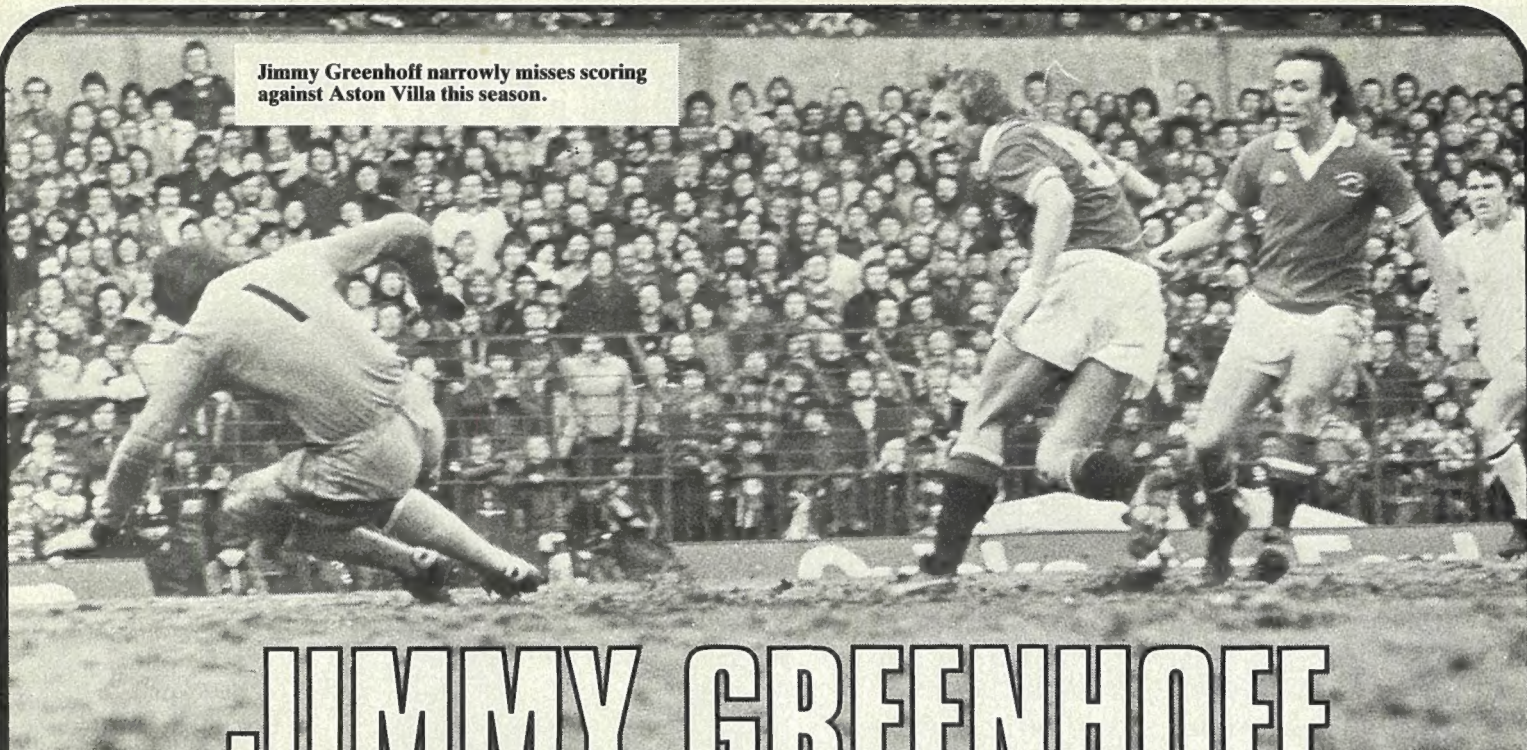
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Jimmy Greenhoff narrowly misses scoring against Aston Villa this season.



JIMMY GREENHOFF

-England's finest uncapped player

DOWN the years there have been a succession of high-quality players who have earned the dubious distinction of being dubbed "the best uncapped footballer in the game."

Ken Barnes, that cultured and enormously gifted wing-half who did so much for Manchester City was one. Another was Tommy Harmer, a frail bobby dazzler who was such an important part of the successful Spurs side of the 50's. Peter Doherty, the flaxen-haired striker who was so valuable to Blackburn and Stoke city, was desperately unlucky not to be capped.

Mention of Doherty brings to mind today's leading candidate for the title — his old shooting partner at Stoke Jimmy Greenhoff.

Qualified

It has been a constant source of amazement to many knowledgeable people in the game that Greenhoff has been passed over by England's three managers of the past decade, while other less qualified strikers have got the nod.

Greenhoff is naturally disappointed that the highest personal honour available has always eluded him, and on the wrong side of 30 he's reluctantly resigned himself to accepting he never will get the call.

"I won four caps for the England Under-23 side while I was with Birmingham City back in 1969, and I suppose then I was more than hopeful I would make the full team," explains Greenhoff.

"Alas, it wasn't to be and my only representative chance since was as an over-age player for the Under-21s against Hungary in 1976."

Like good wine Jimmy has matured with the years.

While he has consistently improved, others have burst on the scene more dramatically and then faded into obscurity almost as quickly. But they disappear with at least ONE cap to show to their grandchildren.

Strangely, at the start of this season, Manchester United were prepared to release Greenhoff, and both Chelsea and Norwich City would have been delighted to acquire his considerable skills.

But as events have proved the skilful striker chose to stay at Old Trafford, much to Dave Sexton's delight. Now, the ever-reliable Greenhoff has added even more consistency to his goalscoring.

The art of poaching goals has rarely deserted him in all his travels since a League debut for Leeds United back in the 60's.

Don Revie once said that of all the players he allowed to leave Elland road, the one departure he most regretted was Greenhoff's.

After 95 League games and 19 goals highlighted by a League Cup winners' tankard against Arsenal in 1968, Jimmy finally ran out of patience and upped-and-offed to Birmingham City for £100,000.

On the face of it the move did not turn out particularly well. After only 31 League games at St. Andrews yielding 14 goals, Jimmy was on the move again.

The fact is though that in his short stay Greenhoff proved beyond doubt he could attain a level of consistency sufficient to warrant a regular first team place in the First Division — which is what he was offered by Stoke City.

A fruitful marriage was formed and the happiest playing days of Greenhoff's career followed under the guidance of Tony Waddington.

In half-a-dozen memorable seasons at the Victoria Ground,



Jimmy pulled on that famous red-and-white striped shirt more than 300 times.

He heard the swell of the roar 'goal' 76 times in response to his efforts in League games, and many more times in the Cup.

There were many famous victories — none more popular than at Wembley in 1972 when Chelsea were beaten 2-1 in the League Cup Final — Stoke's first major honour, deservedly scooped after 109 years of trying.

Coming at a time when successive F.A. Cup Semi-Finals ended in abject misery, it was all the more welcome — and the joy was all the more heart-fluttering because Stoke, true to tradition were powered by twilight-types such as George Eastham, Gordon Banks, Alan Bloor and the aforementioned Doherty — as well as Jimmy Greenhoff.

Sadly it all had to end, but when a move did come it could scarcely have been to a more prestigious

club than Manchester United.

"I could hardly believe my luck. I remember sitting and watching the 1976 FA Cup Final on television and feeling sorry for United losing to Southampton.

"The following season Stoke were really struggling and heading for the Second Division.

"When Tommy Docherty came to buy me I couldn't go quickly enough. Here was an opportunity to stay in the First Division — and with a club bidding for success in League and Cup.

"In the May we went back to Wembley and the greatest day of my career came with the 2-1 win over Liverpool and my winning goal — even though I admit I didn't know much about it."

Fortune

So a Wembley winner three times and with different clubs. Greenhoff has had some good fortune in the game — but still the lack of an England cap rankles.

"Many a time I've felt I could have done a job for my country, but I've never got the call which would have given me the chance.

"Brother Brian tells me it's the greatest thrill you can imagine to learn you've been chosen to play for England. Well, I wouldn't know, but still I'm grateful for the fact I've been around longer than most in this game, and won a few medals."

At his best, some of Jimmy's goals have been rivalled by those scored by Denis Law, and there can't be a higher compliment to his goal-punch than that.

Denis himself — a radio football commentator — is among those who have recently described Jimmy Greenhoff as "the best uncapped player around."

FOCUS ON



OSVALDO ARDILES

FULL NAME: Osvaldo Ardiles

BIRTHPLACE: Córdoba, Argentina

BIRTHDATE: 3rd August, 1952

HEIGHT: 5ft 7ins

WEIGHT: 9st 7½lbs

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Instituto (Córdoba) and Huracán

MARRIED: Yes to Silvia

CHILDREN: Two boys, Pablo and Federico (seen above with Silvia)

CAR: Princess

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Mario Kempes of Argentina

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAMS: West Bromwich Albion and Liverpool

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: None

MOST MEMORABLE MATCHES: World Cup warm-up matches between Bulgaria, Peru, Uruguay and the Republic of Ireland

BIGGEST THRILL: Winning the World Cup

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Liverpool at the start of the season by 7-0

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: England

FAVOURITE FOOD: Roast beef and Italian food

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Reading books, playing tennis and chess, listening to music and to be with my family

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: To go shopping

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: All sports programmes, good films and news bulletins

FAVOURITE SINGERS:

Elton John, Neil Diamond, Bee Gees and Liza Minnelli (she's also my favourite actress)

FAVOURITE

ACTORS/ACTRESSES: Paul Newman, Dustin Hoffman and Peter Sellers, Sophia Loren, Jacqueline Bisset, Liza Minnelli, Brigitte Bardot and Laura Antonelli

BEST FRIENDS: My brother Guillermo and my team-mate Ricardo Villa. I've also a lot of friends back home

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Argentinian World Cup manager César Menotti

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Being injured and losing

INTERNATIONAL

HONOURS: A World Cup winners medal, 42 international caps. Huracán (two national Championship in 1976), Instituto (1st in Córdoba League 1972)

PERSONAL AMBITIONS: To be happy with my family, to be a good Catholic and to help everybody

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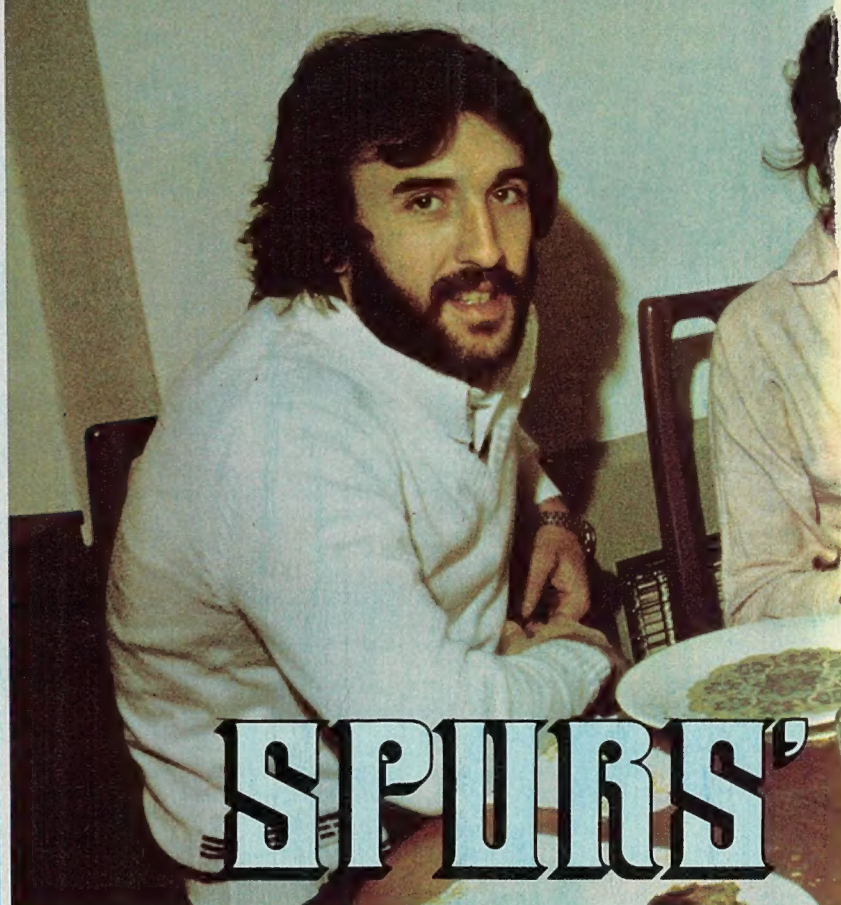
AMBITION: To play in the European Cup and to win a Championship medal in England

IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? A solicitor or a professor of Law

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Two, Pope John Paul II and Her Majesty the Queen

Osvaldo Ardiles

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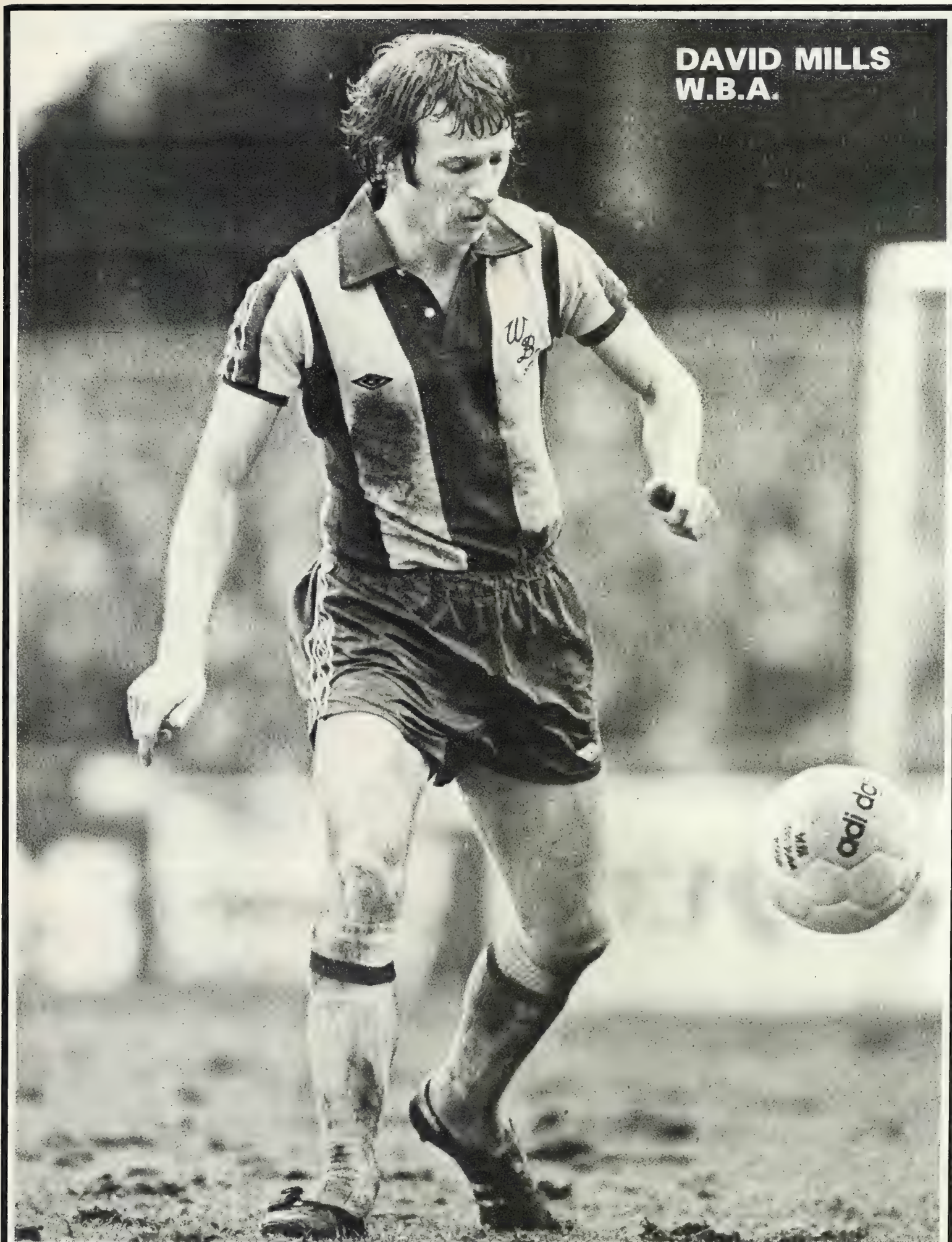


ARGENTINES

O SVALDO Ardiles and Ricardo Villa are very much settled into their new houses in Hertfordshire with their families. They live next door to each other, but, as you'd imagine, often eat together, as our main picture shows. On this occasion, it seems as if Osvaldo was the waiter for Ricardo, his wife Cristina, Silvia and Pablo! Both players have their own cars now, but they have also had the use of a Rolls-Royce (left). In fact, for a while, the Argentinians swapped cars. When Villa was injured recently he used Ardiles' car. It's an automatic and easier to drive. Turnford is a long way from Argentina, but Spurs' World Cup stars and their families feel at home in England.



DAVID MILLS
W.B.A.



SHOOT!

WHEN the curtain falls on this season Coventry's one dubious claim to fame will be they were the "other" club in the tussle to buy Trevor Francis for £1 million.

Coventry raced Nottingham Forest all the way to the tape only to be beaten to Francis's signature in the final stride.

The epic battle at boardroom level between the two clubs earned more headlines than Coventry's playing performances have merited on the pitch.

They have no chance of winning the League Championship and have been shot out of the Cup competitions.

The only other occasions Coventry have received recognition this season were when they failed to sell goalkeeper Jim Blyth to Manchester United for £400,000 and were unable to tempt buyers for transfer listed Welsh international Terry Yorath.

So, it would be understandable if Gordon Milne was to be found shuffling uneasily in his manager's chair at Highfield Road and the fans clamouring for managing director Jimmy Hill's head.

Not a bit of it. No one at the club is complacent, least of all Gordon Milne, who has managed the team for seven years without ever threatening to disturb the dust gathering in the trophy cabinet.

But Milne knows better than most how long it takes for a club



Coventry won't be built in a day

says manager GORDON MILNE

to consolidate its First Division status and halt the shivers of alarm that can shoot down the spines of fans when the relegation stakes reach their crescendo in the Spring.

Milne is concerned that some people, mostly outside Coventry, are expecting too much of the club too soon. Coventry will not be stampeded into extravagant decisions to win success. Yet Milne admits Coventry were prepared to bust the bank to sign Francis.

"We haven't got £1 million. Never have had. It was a business deal, an ambitious step, a one off, but worth taking at the time.

"It proved we can think big if we have to," says Milne. "Building a football club is a slow process. Jimmy Hill, as manager, brought Coventry from the Third Division to the First very quickly. It's been a major, if quiet, revolution. Now we will start to make more noise."

Milne admits Coventry faced a financial crisis three years ago and could have crashed into obscurity if they had not taken bold steps to arrest the problem.

They shrank back to go forward, selling box-office favourites at Highfield, including Dennis Mortimer, Willie Carr and David Cross.

"We made a point of telling the Coventry fans what we were doing, and why," Milne explained. "Fortunately they understood and were prepared to be patient."

Milne, born in Preston before the last War and once a team-mate at Deepdale of the great Tom Finney, has drawn strength for his "softly,

softly" policy of development from his experiences as a wing-half at Liverpool.

"Liverpool haven't always been great you know. When I first went there they were in the Second Division. The Kop didn't sing songs in those days, they just made a noise. Then something incredible happened . . .

"Ron Yeats, Willie Stevenson, Ian St. John and Roger Hunt started to play well, supported by promising youngsters of the calibre of Chris Lawler, Tommy Smith and Ian Callaghan. Meanwhile, the Beatles were starting to make an impact on the pop music world — and the whole Liverpool thing took off.

"Only then did the Kop start to sing, and they haven't stopped since."

The blueprint for Liverpool's rise has made a profound impression on Gordon Milne. He believes he can spring the same transformation at Coventry, but faces more complex problems.

Coventry draw a little over 20,000 of the population to home games. Liverpool pull in twice that number. Liverpool are steeped in football traditions, emanating from the days when the only outlet from the grime and toil of factory floor life was a place on the terraces at Anfield or Goodison after lunch on Saturdays. Unfortunately for Milne, they don't paint the front doorsteps in the colour of

their favourite club in Coventry.

"But ours is a knowledgeable crowd. They can see what we are trying to do. They already appreciate we have had fewer problems in recent times than the so-called strongholds of football, places like Newcastle, Sunderland, Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Chelsea.

"Our best is still to come. It satisfies me when I make a bargain buy. Four spring straight to mind, Jim Blyth from Preston for £20,000 at the age of 17; Ian Wallace for £70,000 from Dumbarton; Bobby McDonald for £40,000 from Aston Villa; and Steve Hunt for £40,000 from Cosmos.

"Then there's Gary Gillespie getting better all the time. Coventry still haven't seen the best of Hunt, and don't rule out the chances of Coventry signing a foreign player.

"As I said, our best is still to come," insists Milne with the conviction of a manager confident he will be allowed to remain at Highfield Road until he has accomplished his task or busted in the process.

Coventry won't win anything this season . . . except, no doubt, more friends. They may lose games because of their go-for-goal attitude, and it's a shame such an adventurous approach hasn't been properly rewarded. Time, hopefully, will put that right.



LEFT . . . Milne doesn't think we've seen the best of winger Steve Hunt.

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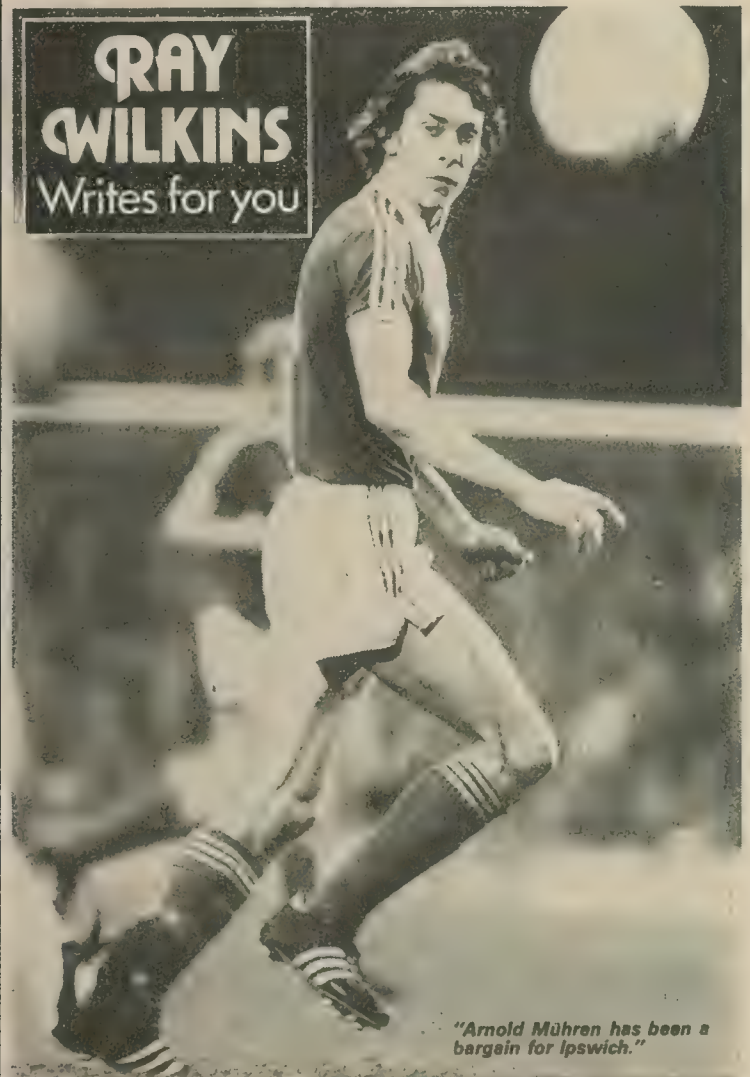
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ANSWERS

**RAY
WILKINS**
Writes for you



"Arnold Mühren has been a bargain for Ipswich."

TO borrow a phrase from the horse racing world, I reckon Liverpool will win the First Division pulling up. Even though they weren't at their best against us the other week, I still feel The Reds will win the Championship relatively easily, with something to spare.

They're also on course for The Double — something that has, perhaps surprisingly, eluded Liverpool over the years — and having reached the Semi-Finals of the F.A. Cup, few fans would bet against 'Pool winning both trophies.

There is no secret about why Liverpool keep on winning; it's there for all to see each week. Their main asset is their discipline and in this respect all other teams try to emulate them.

Liverpool are ultra-professional, with everyone working 100 per cent all the time. I don't believe they have key players as such, although they obviously rely heavily on Kenny Dalglish up-front.

Theirs is essentially a team effort and it's unfair to single out individuals. This season, their defensive record is second-to-none and they could end the campaign with the all-time low for goals conceded.

This is a tribute to the entire side, not just the defence, because when the opposition are in possession, the Liverpool players drop back very quickly to hustle and contain.

Having said that, they have not done well at Stamford Bridge since I've been playing. Last season, for

instance, we beat them in both the League and F.A. Cup at our place and earlier this month we gave them a real fright. We try to make it hard for *them* to play, rather than vice versa, and took the game to Liverpool from the first whistle.

Our approach was positive and we were very unlucky not to have scored twice before the break. Tommy Langley hit a post from my cross ... Ray Clemence was delighted to see the ball rebound into his arms! And after Micky Nutton had headed against the woodwork, Garry Stanley saw his shot cleared off the line by Terry McDermott.

In the second-half, especially the last 30 minutes, Liverpool came back into the game, typically, and in the end if any team was going to win it would have been The Reds. A fair result, 0-0, but had we scored that early goal I can't help thinking it could have been so different.

Players may come and players may go, but the way Liverpool play has hardly changed over the years. It is wrong to say their players would not play as well for other clubs, just as it was upsetting to hear some England fans bobbing Ray Clemence, Phil Neal and Emyln Hughes before the Northern Ireland game.

Okay, so Peter Shilton and Viv Anderson had done well in the friendly against Czechoslovakia, but Ray and Phil have helped England to a respectable position in interna-

'Liverpool's discipline the key to success'



tional football over the past 12 months and it was a shame this was forgotten so quickly.

I've never had "stick" from the Wembley crowd, but I'm sure the Liverpool players were very disappointed at the treatment. Liverpool, more than any other club during the Seventies, have made English football respected throughout Europe.

They would have made it a hat-trick of European Cup wins had they not played Forest in the First Round. I think and hope Forest can win the Cup, but Liverpool would certainly have done.

If Chelsea are to avoid relegation we must show the sort of consistency Liverpool display. Yes, we did well against them, but just playing Liverpool makes any team raise its game, especially as a huge crowd is guaranteed. We must do this week-

in, week-out, regardless of the opposition and size of the crowd.

Several new faces have been drafted into the Chelsea team this year by Danny Blanchflower. Our Yugoslav goalkeeper Petar Borota looks like becoming one of London's soccer personalities... he's certainly unorthodox! The emphasis in his early training sessions has been to build up an understanding with the defence, especially from set-piece movements. Petar speaks reasonably good English, which I've noticed improves daily, he's confident and looks very safe.

It was a pity that in his second game, at Norwich, he received a nasty injury to his head and had to be replaced by Tommy Langley. Even so, all credit to Tommy, who put up a hero's performance between the sticks, even though we lost 2-0.

Micky Nutton has had just over a dozen games at the centre of our

defence and improves all the time. He's good in the air, fast and looks a fine prospect. So does fellow defender John Sifton — I've been particularly impressed by his concentration during his early matches.

I know Scottish fans reckon Eamonn Bannon was a "steal" at £200,000 and it does seem as if we have a bargain. His role in midfield is much the same as mine, but on the other side of the field. He's quick and beats his man easily and can pass accurately with either the inside or the outside of his foot.

The transfer market has really gone crazy, but the £1 million fee had to come sooner or later. I rate Trevor Francis an excellent player, although I don't envy his tag.

The same goes for Phil Parkes at just over half a million pounds. One of the safest goalkeepers in the League. We were quoted £300,000 for Leicester's Mark Wallington, but Danny Blanchflower paid just £70,000 for Petar Borota. I can see

more and more clubs being forced to look abroad for players because the home market is so expensive.

Bobby Robson paid £400,000 for Dutchmen Arnold Mühren and Frans Thijssen, less than the amount Arsenal paid for Brian Talbot. By all accounts the Dutch stars are playing superbly and their combined fee is a snip.

This Saturday (March 24th) we play Wolves at Stamford Bridge and no one needs reminding about the importance of this game. The word "relegation" is not really mentioned at the club, even though it's naturally on our minds. All we think about is the next game and two points.

Join me again in a fortnight,

Raymond



"New goalkeeper Petar Borota in action against Champions-elect Liverpool."



Four players who have spent part of their careers with either Newcastle or Sunderland give their comments on . . .

'It's not the Mecca now'

BRYAN ROBSON (West Ham)

I'm sorry to say it but the North-East is no longer the Mecca of football, certainly not at the moment. No one area of the country can justify that title over the others. It's really swings and roundabouts. Meccas change with the success and downfall of clubs up and down the country.

I will admit the North-East clubs have had their share of success and know how to produce great players. It used to be said around Newcastle that if ever they wanted a player, they used to shout down the shaft of the nearest coalmine. But those days are long gone.

The coalmines were a breeding ground for players and the pit face was where most of football's fanatical support came from. After the hard graft of work in the mines, football was a great outlet on a day off. The local club was supported by entire families. Rivalry between local clubs is fiercer than in the South. I wouldn't have fancied being a Newcastle player after they lost

the recent 'derby' at home to Sunderland 1-4.

If the fans liked you, it was fantastic playing in front of such passionate support. But if they didn't life could be miserable.

Frankly, I wasn't too disappointed to leave the area. When I left Newcastle they had just been knocked out of the Fairs Cup in 1971, morale was at a low ebb and I was getting criticised pretty heavily.

The North-East clubs have lost some of their prestige, though Sunderland are revitalised this season. The North-East badly needs another club in the First Division to restore pride to the area, for it is disastrous for both Sunderland and Newcastle to be playing in Division Two.

The North-East has a major advantage over other areas. This vast area is blessed with only three main clubs — Newcastle, Middlesbrough and Sunderland. London has 12 clubs. That gives the North-East a big advantage.

The North-East — has it

'The fans don't boo you up there'

TONY TOWERS (Birmingham City)

I SPENT three years in the North-East — with Sunderland — and I'm a great believer that it's the Mecca of football. I was with Manchester City before going to the North-East but I don't think the interest or support for the Manchester clubs compares with the fanatical following Newcastle and Sunderland share.

We loved living up there; we loved the people. It's a working man's area and they still love their football the way they used to. Why? It's just born and bred into them. If Sunderland got back into the First Division, they'd have a full house almost every week for home games. People are very loyal up there — they don't boo or moan at you. They understand their football and they understand the problems players can have.

When I was there, I captained Sunderland to the First Division. You could see that people almost lived for Saturdays and their football. We had an average home gate of around 39,000 in the Second Division that year. A tiny bit of

success and they would boost that gate even farther.

Their fantastic supporters are desperate for success.

People say it is the Mecca of football and I say they're right — even though Sunderland and Newcastle are both in the Second Division at present. Sunderland are still getting good support and whenever you play in front of North-East crowds, it's an unbelievable atmosphere if you're the home side. They always give you every bit of support and they always go back, in times of good or bad. I'd say without doubt that they're the best crowds to play in front of.

Why did I leave the area? Not through choice. But I wanted to get back to the First Division, so that when Sunderland went down, I felt I had to stay in the First Division to further my England ambitions. As it has turned out, maybe I was a bit foolish to leave and I regret it a little. The area is full of great people; honest, football loving and very keen.



Tony Towers on the ball for Birmingham against Everton.

Jim Montgomery collects the ball safely.



'The folk heroes have all gone'

JIM MONTGOMERY (Birmingham City)

I WAS born in Sunderland and played for the club for 17 years. But I've got to admit 'Pop' Robson is right — I don't think it is as glamorous as it used to be.

I wanted to stay there I admit, but once Sunderland bought a new goalkeeper, I was quite prepared to move. To me, supporting my wife and family was far more important than any area. I wasn't prepared to go into the reserve side, so I left.

It wasn't really a wrench to leave the area, either. I loved every minute of my stay and really enjoyed it but my view has always been that a footballer goes where the work is. A job cropped up in Birmingham and I didn't hesitate.

The North-East isn't so great now as it used to be. As well as both Sunderland and Newcastle being in the Second Division, Middlesbrough are struggling so the fervour has died off quite a lot now. When I go back there I realise the atmosphere isn't what it used to be, in terms of football

The Mecca of football has to be Merseyside, as far as I'm concerned. Liverpool are a fabulous side with Everton not far behind so that fervour has re-created on Merseyside. Even down here in the Midlands, Nottingham Forest and West Brom have done well so that has generated support and interest. It's just as good here now as it is in the North-East. I reckon it was only in the great days of Len Shackleton and Jackie Milburn that the North-East was really the place. It was a hotbed of football in those days but it has died down since those times.

Will the North-East ever recover that fantastic fervour? I don't think so. Those heady days have gone. 'Pop' has told you about the coal-mines and he's right. The same atmosphere doesn't exist today.

Sunderland's Republic of Ireland centre-half Charlie Hurley was one of the last 'greats' of the area but since then, it has produced few folk-heroes. All good things come to an end sometime.

lost its glamour?

'They travel 80 miles to matches'

VIC HALOM (Oldham)

I SPENT four years at Sunderland and in that time, we won the F.A. Cup. I reckon the celebrations lasted for a year after that victory, such was the level of support and interest.

We took the Cup all over the area, showing it to the working men's clubs and places. It was marvellous to see such support for even before we had that Cup run, we were getting 30,000 to 35,000 for Second Division matches.

The area is certainly the best anywhere in this country for knowledge of football and sheer love of the game. When you go back there, you are received like a member of the family; that is what's so special about the people.

The love of the game is in-bred. Fathers hand it down to their sons. You are either born a black and white fan — a Newcastle supporter

— or a red and white fan (Sunderland). Supporters are passionately loyal.

The players are idolised. You are a real figure in the community if you play for Sunderland, Newcastle United or Middlesbrough. I have played for League clubs all over the country and I was born in Derbyshire. But I've never seen any area to rival the North-East for support.

Why should this be so? I suppose it's partly because they retain the working men's clubs and in those clubs, the talk is about football 99 per cent of the time. Football is a way of life up there.

Sunderland fans travel from as far as 80 miles away. It seems that once they have been indoctrinated into one club, they stick with that club for the rest of their lives. I know one thing — they're great people to play in front of.



Champagne Shrewsbury~ Match of the Day stars

THE romance of the F.A. Cup which affords endless opportunity for sportswriters to weave words of magic every year has never been better portrayed than recently by Shrewsbury Town.

All the glitter and the joy of the competition is encompassed in the exploits of this little club, whose stirring deeds in accounting for Cambridge United, Manchester City, and drawing at Wolves, before losing the replay, have enchanted us all.

After the 'Sending down' of Cambridge on a day when only three other Cup-ties were staged, Shrewsbury's ambitious young player-manager Graham Turner had the audacity to tick off the BBC's "Match Of The Day" commentator David Coleman for the lack of coverage his club received.

"You wouldn't have been here but for the fact so many games were postponed. We're a little club, but we deserve recognition," he said in admonishing soccer's most venerable commentator.

Obviously Graham's outburst had the desired effect. BBC cameras were back for the next round, though to be fair the mouth-watering prospect of a Third Division club slaying the eminent giants of Manchester City would have probably enticed them anyway.

As you know both Turner and "Match of the Day" were rewarded by one of the best giantkilling acts for some time as City's stars were humbled 2-0.



Two against one — and lone raider Maguire (right) scores against Man. City.

To Shrewsbury all this publicity must seem like champagne after days of dull beer.

They do have aspirations of grandeur like anyone else. They are also a nice club in the best possible sense, with a business-like, yet extremely amiable, chairman in Tim Yates, a hard-working secretary in former player Malcolm Starkey, and a driving force on the field in Graham Turner.

They also have a man in a boat, who rows up and down the River Severn on

match days retrieving balls (they cost too much to lose), and an enthusiastic supporters' club, who have helped foster the image of a family club.

Shrewsbury in fact are one of the few clubs in the country who are in the black, and the population of Shrewsbury is only 60,000.

If promotion is achieved — always a priority above Cup glory — it will be interesting to see just what proportion of the populus can be attracted to Gay Meadow.

Turner says: "This is a great club, and it's more than coincidence that a succession of managers here have gone on to make a name for themselves.

"Gordon Lee was a coach here before managing Port Vale, Blackburn Rovers, Newcastle and Everton; Harry Potts managed Burnley; Harry Gregg did well at Swansea; and Alan Dörban (Stoke manager) and Richie Barker, number two at Wolves, are making an impact.

As for the Shrewsbury side, Turner and Sammy Chapman, now on his way to the States, have featured in most headlines, but they are well supported by some very proficient professionals.

Goalkeeper Bob Wardle has grasped his chance with both hands as a result of long-serving Mulhearn's injury, and is now proving his four-year apprenticeship in the reserves was not wasted.

Young defenders Jake King and Jackie Keay have hardly put a foot wrong.

If there is a star in the side it has to be striker Paul Maguire, who led Paul Fitcher, in particular, a merry dance during the Cup win over Manchester City and who seems to thrive on big occasions.

Ian Atkins, David Tong and Steve Biggins have also enjoyed their moments of triumph this season, and if Shrewsbury are promoted they'll be expected to play important parts in the Second Division next season.

In past years Shrewsbury have flattered to deceive getting themselves into a good challenging position and then failing to stay the pace.

Turner does not intend to let that happen this season, and after many spirited attempts to bring sporting prestige to the town deserves to succeed.



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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Bristol City are thriving

THE ups and downs of Bristol City in the Football League would induce a land-lubber to go green!

Way back on April 12th, 1894 a group of football enthusiasts formed the club, originally known as Bristol South End.

They started life in the Western League and then the Southern League before winning election to the Second Division of the Football League in 1901.

They had already turned professional in 1897 and two years later entered the F.A. Cup for the first time when they lost at home 4-2 to Sunderland in the First Round.

They came sixth in their first League season, and came fourth in the next three campaigns. The 1905-06 season saw City win the Second Division title in style. They finished four points ahead of Manchester United and 13 points clear of third placed Chelsea.

Now the football world was forced to take notice of these foot-balling upstarts as they finished runners-up to mighty Newcastle United, with the Tyneside club having only three points to spare over City.

A position of tenth in the following term saw City looking forward to their third season in the top grade in the 1908-09 term.

City were not to disappoint their

supporters. They finished eighth in the First Division and reached the only F.A. Cup Final in the club's history.

They went down to a goal by Manchester United's Turnbull in a 1-0 defeat in the Crystal Palace Final.

As if that defeat was too much to bear, it is worth recording the fact that apart from one Semi-Final appearance in the 1919-20 season when they lost to Huddersfield Town 2-1, City have only once reached as far as the Sixth Round (1973-74).

When City were relegated at the end of the 1910-11 season their fans were blissfully unaware that it would be 65 years before they played in the First Division again!

Although City went close to promotion in the 1920-21 season, they finished third, but seven points behind runners-up Cardiff City, it was to a further crisis City fell the following season.

The Ashton Gate club were relegated to the Third Division (South).

Like a drowning man, they popped up straight away as Champions in the 1922-23, season, only to sink straight back again the following term.

This time it took them three seasons to regain their place in the Second Division. Finishing third



Bristol City (light shirts) drew 2-2 v. Charlton at the Valley in their promotion season of 1975-76.

CITY ROLL OF HONOUR

Second Division Champions: 1905-06.
Division Three (South) Champions:
1922-23, 1926-27, 1954-55.



City's Paul Cheesley (left) in aerial action against Fulham in 1975.

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1973-74	Keith Fear8
1974-75	Don Gillies and Keith Fear9
1975-76	Tom Ritchie18
1976-77	Tom Ritchie and Chris Garland7
1977-78	Tom Ritchie11

and fourth before finishing Champions again in the 1926-27 season.

A position of 12th the following term was followed by just escaping relegation by finishing in 20th spot in the next two campaigns. A season of near calm in 16th was shattered by relegation again in 1931-32.

It was to take City another 16 seasons before they lifted themselves out of the Third (South) again.

In that time, England had seen the passing of two kings and won a World War. But all was forgiven as City won the title in the 1954-55 season. Big John Atyeo hit 28 League goals that season and still holds the appearance record (648 League and Cup games) and the aggregate scoring record of 315 League goals between 1951-66.

Five seasons in the Second Division ended in 1960 when City finished bottom and were relegated. It took them another five seasons to win promotion, then they finished runners-up above Mansfield Town on goal average but only a point behind Champions Carlisle United — it was that close between success and failure.

That was in the 1964-65 season and in October, 1967 Alan Dicks took over the reins at Ashton Gate.

For most of the first five seasons it was a struggle for City and Dicks. But the club survived and in the 1975-76 season Dicks had his reward when the club finished runners-up to Sunderland and at last won promotion back to the First Division.

LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Results	Venue
Aug			
19	Bolton W.....	2-1	A
22	Norwich C.....	1-1	H
26	Aston Villa.....	1-0	H
Sept			
2	Wolves.....	0-2	A
9	Tottenham H.....	0-1	A
16	Southampton.....	3-1	H
23	Ipswich T.....	1-0	A
30	Everton.....	2-2	H
Oct			
7	Q.P.R.....	0-1	A
14	Nottm. For.....	1-3	H
21	Man. Utd.....	3-1	A
28	Arsenal.....	1-3	H
Nov			
4	Middlesbrough.....	0-0	A
11	Bolton W.....	4-1	H
18	Aston Villa.....	0-2	A
21	Wolves.....	0-1	H
25	Birmingham C.....	1-1	A
Dec			
2	Derby Co.....	1-0	H
9	Leeds U.....	1-1	A
16	Liverpool.....	1-0	H
23	Chelsea.....	0-0	A
26	Coventry C.....	5-0	H
30	Man. City.....	1-1	H
Jan			
1	W.B.A.....	1-3	A
13	Tottenham H.....	0-0	H
Feb			
3	Ipswich T.....	3-1	H
10	Everton.....	1-4	A
20	Southampton.....	0-2	A
24	Nottm. For.....	0-2	A
Mar			
3	Man. Utd.....	1-2	H
10	Arsenal.....	0-2	A
17	Middlesbrough.....		H
24	Norwich C.....		A
31	Birmingham C.....		H
Apr			
7	Derby Co.....		A
10	Chelsea.....		H
14	Coventry C.....		A
17	W.B.A.....		A
21	Liverpool.....		A
28	Leeds U.....		H
May			
5	Man. City.....		A

To be arranged: Q.P.R. (H)

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BACK ROW (left to right):
Peter Cormack, John Shaw, Clive Whitehead,
Ray Cashley, Howard Pritchard.

CENTRE ROW:
Tony Collins (asst-man), Norman Hunter, Tom
Ritchie, David Rodgers, Gary Collier, Joe Royle,
Alan Hay, Ken Wimshurst (chief coach).

FRONT ROW:
Kevin Mabbutt, Jimmy Mann, Trevor Tainton,
Alan Dicks (manager), Geoff Merrick, Gerry
Sweeney, Don Gillies.



SHOOT!

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

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PEN PICTURES

(L. App:— League Appearances; G:— Goals; S:— Substitutes. All records to end of December, 1978)

GARY COLLIER: Defender signed professional in November, 1972. Born Bristol. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 12.0. L. App:— 184. G:— 3.

TERRY COOPER: Defender signed from Middlesbrough in July, 1978. 20 full England caps won while with Leeds United and cost Bristol City £20,000. Born Castleford. Ht. 5.7½. Wt. 10.9. L. App:— Leeds 240 and 10 sub, Middlesbrough 105, Bristol City 2. G:— Leeds 7, Middlesbrough 1.

PETER CORMACK: Midfielder or striker signed from Liverpool for £90,000 in November, 1976. Full Scottish caps. Born Edinburgh. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.13. L. App:— Hibs 182, Nottm. For. 74, Liverpool 119 and 6 sub, Bristol City 52 and 4 sub. G:— Hibs 75, Nottm. For. 15, Liverpool 21, Bristol City 14.

CHRIS GARLAND: Striker signed from Leicester City for £110,000 in December, 1976. Chris is in his second spell with City, England Under-23 international. Born Bristol. Ht. 5.9½. Wt. 11.12. L. App:— Chelsea 89 and 3 sub, Leicester 52 and 3 sub, Bristol City (two spells) 162 and 2 sub. G:— Chelsea 22, Leicester 15, Bristol City 39.

DON GILLIES: Defender or striker signed from Morton for £30,000 in March, 1973. Scottish Under-23 international. Born Glencoe. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.5. L. App:— Morton 45 and 2 sub, Bristol City 170 and 16 sub. G:— Morton 23, Bristol City 26.

GERRY GOW: Midfielder signed professional in June, 1969. Scottish Under-23 international. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 10.8. L. App:— 308 and 7 sub. G:— 38.

NORMAN HUNTER: Defender who won 28 full caps while with Leeds United. Noted for his hard tackling. Born Eighton Banks. Ht. 5.11½. Wt. 12.5. L. App:— Leeds 543, Bristol City 92. G:— Leeds 18, Bristol City 4.

KEVIN MABBUTT: Striker signed



Don Gillies



Terry Cooper



Trevor Tainton



Gerry Gow



Norman Hunter



Tom Ritchie

professional in January, 1976. Born Bristol. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.2. L. App:— 29 and 10 sub. G:— 8.

JIMMY MANN: Midfielder signed from Leeds United on a free transfer in May, 1974. Born Goole. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 11.1. L. App:— Leeds 2, Bristol City 127 and 19 sub. G:— Bristol City 16.

GEOFF MERRICK: Defender signed professional in August, 1968. Born Bristol. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— 302 and 5 sub. G:— 9.

TOM RITCHIE: Striker signed professional in July, 1969 and top scorer in the last three seasons. Born Edinburgh. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.8. L. App:— 230 and 9 sub. G:— 58.

DAVID RODGERS: Central defender signed professional in July, 1969. Born Bristol. Ht. 6.1½. Wt. 13.2. L. App:— 117 and 2 sub. G:— 8.

JOE ROYLE: Striker signed from Manchester City for £80,000 in December, 1977. Scored four goals on his debut v Middlesbrough in November, 1977 while on loan before signing. Six full England caps. Born Liverpool. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 13.8. L. App:— Everton 229 and 2 sub, Man. City 98 and 1 sub, Bristol City 47. G:— Everton 102, Man. City 23, Bristol City 15.

JOHN SHAW: Goalkeeper signed from Leeds United in May, 1974. Born Stirling. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 13.7. L. App:— Bristol City 97.

GERRY SWEENEY: Midfielder signed from Morton for £20,000 in August, 1971. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.10. L. App:— Morton 137 and 2 sub, Bristol City 291 and 7 sub. G:— Morton 16, Bristol City 22.

TREVOR TAINTON: Midfielder signed professional in September, 1965. Born Bristol. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.7. L. App:— 349 and 27 sub. G:— 20.

CLIVE WHITEHEAD: Winger signed professional in August, 1973. Born Birmingham. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.7. L. App:— 118 and 17 sub. G:— 8.

Alan Dicks has got his sums right

Bristol City, having won promotion in the 1975-76 season, threatened to return to the Second Division at the first attempt. The fact they survived is now soccer history and last season they improved to 17th position.

Now almost unnoticed they are in the top half of the First Division and look a safe bet to continue to make progress. In Alan Dicks, City not only have the longest serving one-club manager in the Football League, but

a man who gets his sums right in the transfer market. He is also one of the best motivators in the game.

There are quite a few League directors around who should stand up and ask themselves why they failed to keep faith with managers they appointed. The City board are reaping the benefits of sticking with their selection and the future of Bristol City looks bright indeed under Alan Dicks.



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Gaps on the terraces demonstrate there's little interest in this Scottish First Division match between Airdrie and Dundee (dark strip). Would the same thing happen in England if we had a Premier Division?



'NO SUPER LEAGUE FOR ENGLAND'

my soccer scene

GORDON HILL

A FRIEND suggested the other day that the game in England should be reorganised.

Apart from placing a ceiling on transfers, he wanted a Super League introduced.

Made up of the leading ten clubs in the country this would obviously reduce the number of matches they play each season . . . an argument long debated in the media and among players, managers and directors without any real conclusions drawn.

But really we already have a sort of Super League — our First Division.

sion. I can't think of another country in the world that can boast the strength in depth we possess.

In most countries you get half-a-dozen elite clubs. The rest are there to make up the numbers.

Few fans will be able to name all the clubs in the German Bundesliga, or Italian First Division. But their supporters will probably know most of the teams in our top League.

Football in England is different class taken overall. Here all teams in the First Division must be taken seriously.

If Liverpool are playing the bottom of the table side there's no real guarantee of a home win.

They have a Top Ten in Scotland as you all know. But has the Premier Division been successful? Has it attracted the crowds the authorities hoped for?

I don't think so. Most Scots I've spoken to on the subject all say fans are getting bored with watching the same old faces. Clubs play each other four times a season in the Premier Division.

This term for the first time since the Top Ten was introduced in 1975-76 teams other than Celtic or Rangers have been leading the pack.

As I write Dundee United are at the top of the Premier, but most supporters North of the border would still put their money on Rangers retaining the title.

The game in Scotland was in such dire straits it had to be revamped. From what I can make out, the Premier was their last chance of salvation . . . designed to give more of the top clubs tougher competition . . . gear them up for Europe.

Well, Scottish clubs haven't been any more successful in Europe. Celtic and Rangers still virtually rule the Scottish roost.

All that's happened is the smaller clubs have now become "phantom" teams. If your side is out of the Premier and lower than say third or fourth in the First Division there's very little chance of you reading about them.

Who talks about East Fife, Arbroath or Cowdenbeath these days? Unless, of course, they are drawn against one of the Old Firm in the Scottish or League Cup.

Ask most fans in England which club is topping the Scottish First Division and I bet they couldn't



Gerry Ryan (now with Brighton) goes close for Derby, at Everton.

answer you.

I wouldn't like to see a Premier Division on the same lines created in England. This would be too restrictive and would lead to an even more elite band of clubs. Very soon we'd have the same situation here as in Scotland.

The Premier would attract all the attention and clubs such as Brighton, Portsmouth, Walsall and Hereford would hardly get a glance.

I like things the way they are. At the moment teams such as Derby, Norwich, Middlesbrough and Bolton are important members of the First Division. If we had a Super League, I doubt any of those clubs would get voted in at first.

If you are going to have a Top Ten in England, crowd potential, ground facilities, financial resources, tradition and records over the past few seasons would have to be taken into account.

West Brom, despite their success over the past couple of years wouldn't qualify. Nor would Ipswich, Southampton, Bristol City or Coventry.

Nottingham Forest would probably scrape in because they are reigning Champions and look set for a long run of triumphs.

Perhaps a place in a Top Ten would attract the Nottingham public to support a fine team going places.

Their gates, around 10,000 under capacity, are a disgrace . . . a kick up the backside to Brian Clough and Peter Taylor who have not only created one of our best sides, but are willing to spend £1 million on Trevor Francis to improve it.

My Top Ten, or Super League would be Liverpool, Everton, Man. United, Man. City, Aston Villa, Forest, Arsenal, Spurs, Leeds and Newcastle.

This selection will upset many readers, but remember it was chosen for many reasons other than winning honours over the last few years.

Don't worry, though. I can't really see clubs voting for such a revolutionary idea. The West Brooms, Bristol Citys and Coventrys wouldn't want to lose their hard-won First Division identities.

But I do think we should look closely at the transfer system in England. Birmingham did no favours to anyone, including themselves, by creating the first £1 million player.

Where do we go from here? Who will be the first £2 million star? He must come if present trends are allowed to continue.

At the moment clubs are using that £1 million as a yardstick and asking grossly over-inflated fees for players.

For an average First Division footballer now you've got to start at around £350,000.

As Birmingham will find out if they want to buy anyone. A player they could have got for £250,000 at the start of the season will now cost around double that.

As it stands only one or two clubs can afford to pay £1 million for a new player. The Liverpools and Man. Uniteds will get stronger and a Super League — or rather Super Six will emerge from within our First Division.

At least more and more managers will be encouraged to develop their own talent. More youngsters will be given their chance . . . coaching will improve.

So look at the transfer system but leave the League as it is. That's what I and most other players seem to want.

Everton, one of the country's wealthiest clubs, and a dead cert for any Top 12, are Derby's opponents at the Baseball Ground this Saturday (March 24th).

They beat Rams 2-1 at Goodison earlier in the season and have since emerged as possible Champions.

Manager Gordon Lee has done a magnificent job at Everton and built a side that is difficult to beat.

Mr. Lee continually tells us his team isn't defensive or dull to watch, but can't seem to attract the sort of crowds you'd expect.

They will be tough opponents this Saturday, for a Derby side desperate for points to climb away from the danger zone.

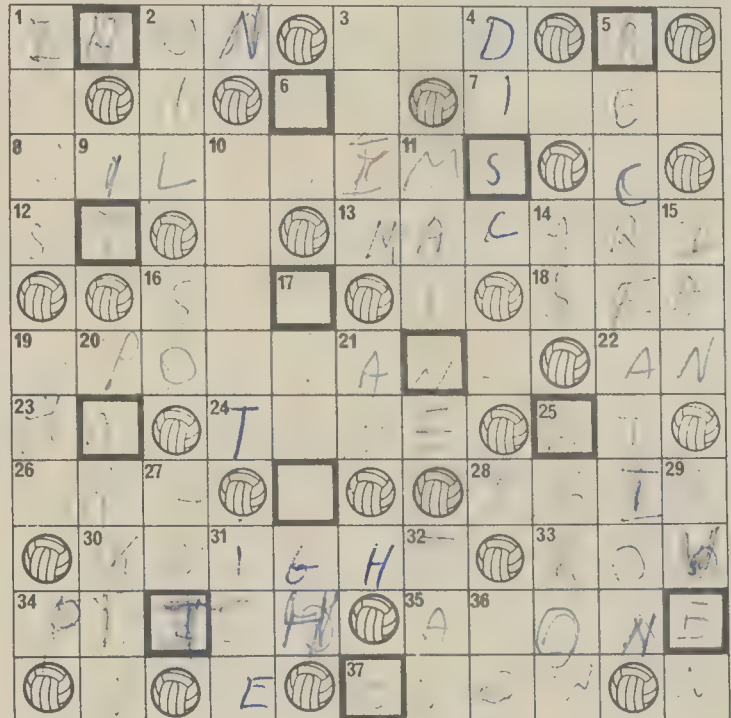
I won't be fit to play unfortunately. Although the leg's coming along fine after my cartilage operation and I'm doing light training.

Let's hope next time my column appears I'll be able to name my comeback day.

Gordon Lee

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Manchester United striker. Answers on page 38



ACROSS:—

- (1) The ---- sides, Middlesbrough's nickname.
- (3) — Drake, former famous Arsenal goalscorer.
- (6) P--tadown; Irish League club.
- (7) Take four letters from Stenhousemuir to give a single article.
- (8) The —, nickname of Plymouth Argyle.
- (12) — Mirren, Scots Premier Division club.
- (13) Lou —, Manchester United midfielder player.
- (16) Take three letters from Ipswich to make a small mouthful.
- (18) Swan--- play at Vetch Field.
- (19) Home ground of Rochdale.
- (22) Ray H--kin of Leeds United.
- (23) West Ham are nicknamed The ---mmers!
- (24) Golds---- Ground of Brighton & Hove Albion.
- (25) Brendon B--son; surname of W.B.A. player.
- (26) C--nt--l Park, home of Cowdenbeath.
- (28) Descriptive of a group of three players working together.
- (30) Stanley Matthews was the first soccer one.
- (33) Car --- Road, home of Norwich.
- (34) The playing area.
- (35) Make amends.
- (37) It causes many matches to be postponed in winter.

DOWN:—

- (1) The —, nickname of Lincoln City.
- (2) A "rubbing" variety is used in massage.
- (3) In good condition and not fat.
- (4) -he-terf-el- (English Div. 3 club). The omissions reversed.
- (5) — Ground, home of Aldershot.
- (6) -ma- Sivori, European Footballer of the Year, 1961.
- (9) Mu-r-on Park, St. Johnstone.
- (10) Steve —, Charlton striker.
- (11) — Road; ground of Manchester City.
- (14) Lev Y--hin, European Footballer of the Year, 1963.
- (15) — Gillard, Queens Park Rangers defender.
- (16) Peter Ea-t-e also of Q.P.R.
- (17) — Lane home of Wimbledon
- (19) --i-iffeld Park; Berwick Rangers.
- (20) Derek —, Wolves defender
- (21) Viv --derson of Nottingham Forest.
- (25) H----- Chequers were one of the original F.A. Cup entrants in 1871/2.
- (27) Trevor T-i--on of Bristol City.
- (29) Gary —, Manchester City midfielder player.
- (31) Can make the playing surface very slippery.
- (32) The ---gerines, one nickname of Blackpool
- (36) First two letters of the team from Plainmoor.

RESULTS... SCORERS... TEAM LINE-UPS

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14

FOURTH DIVISION (Continued)

WIGAN (0) 1 (Purdie pen.) 6,704
WIMBLEDON (2) 2 (Leslie 2)
 Wigan: Brown; Gore, Smart, Brownbill, Ward, Fretwell, Corrigan, Wright, Houghton, Crompton, Purdie.
 Wimbledon: Goddard; Bryant, Eames, Haverson, Galvin, Perkins, Leslie, Ketteridge, Denny, Cork, Parsons.

THURSDAY, FEB. 15

Postponed: F.A. Cup Fourth Round replay: Wrexham v Tottenham; Scottish Cup Third Round: Dumbarton v Alloa; Stirling v Partick.

FRIDAY, FEB. 16

THIRD DIVISION

TRANMERE (0) 1 (Kerr) 1,381
OXFORD (0) 0
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Postlewhite, Evans, Palios, Kerr, Moore, Cra-ven, McAuley.
 Oxford: Burton; McIntosh, Fogg, Bodel, Briggs, Taylor, Jeffrey (Sweetzer), Duncan, Berry, Seacole, Hodgson.

Postponed: Swansea v Chesterfield; Fourth Division: Darlington v Hartlepool; Stockport v Doncaster.

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

FIRST DIVISION

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 3 (Peach pen., Baker, Boyer) 20,673
EVERTON (0) 0
 Southampton: Gennoe; Golac, Peach, Baker, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Hayes, Holmes, Curran.
 Everton: Wood; Robinson, Higgins, Lyons, Wright, Todd, Heard, Dobson, Latchford, King, Thomas.
 Postponed: Villa v Coventry; Bristol C. v Q.P.R.; Leeds v Bolton; Liverpool v Norwich; Tottenham v WBA; Chelsea v Derby; Man C v Birmingham.

SECOND DIVISION

BRIGHTON 0 23,795
C. PALACE 0
 Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Horta, Rollings, Lawrenson, Ryan, Poskett (Ward), Maybank, Sayer, O'Sullivan.
 Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Kember, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Fenwick, Swindlehurst, Murphy, Walsh.

LEICESTER (2) 2 (Peake, Buchanan) 15,106
NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Nattrass)
 Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, May, O'Neill, Williams, Peake, Goodwin, Smith, Henderson (Christie), Buchanan.
 Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Mitchell, Nattrass, Bird, Blackley, Shoulder, Martin, Withe, Scott, Robinson (Walker).

Postponed: Oldham v Burnley; Orient v Charlton; Preston v Cambridge; Stoke v Fulham; Sunderland v Sheff. U.; Wrexham v Luton; Millwall v West Ham; Notts Co. v Cardiff.

THIRD DIVISION

PLYMOUTH (2) 2 (Binney 2) 6,294
CARLISLE (0) 0
 Plymouth: Hodge; Uzzell, McNeill, Clarke, Foster, Bason, Harrison, Megson, Binney, Trus-ton (Graves), Rogers.
 Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, Collins, Macdonald, Tait, Parker, McVitie, Bannon, Ludlam, Kemp, Hamilton.

Postponed: Bury v Brentford; Gillingham v Exeter; Lincoln v Blackpool; Peterborough v Hull; Sheff Wed v Rotherham; Southend v Walsall; Swansea v Chesterfield; Watford v Chester.

FOURTH DIVISION

WIGAN (1) 2 (Ward 2) 7,420
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Robins)
 Wigan: Brown; Smart, Hinnigan, Gore, Ward, Fretwell, Corrigan, Wright, Houghton, Crompton, Purdie.
 Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Lillis (Holmes), Hart, Sutton, Fletcher, Arm-strong, Cowling, Robins, Bielby.

Postponed: Bradford C. v Reading; Grimsby v Port Vale; Halifax v Rochdale; Hereford v Portsmouth; Newport v Scunthorpe; North-ampton v Barnsley; Torquay v Crewe; Wimbledon v York.

F.A. CUP (Fifth Round)

Postponed: Aldershot v Shrewsbury; Col-chester v Man Utd; Ipswich v Bristol R; Not-tingham F. v Arsenal.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

MORTON (2) 2 (Thomson, Ritchie) 6,000
PARTICK (1) 2 (McAdam, Houston)
 Morton: Brcic; Hayes, Holmes, Anderson, Orr, McLaren, McNeil (Scott), Miller, Russell, Thomson, Ritchie.
 Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Camp-bell, McAdam, Thomson, Houston, Somner, O'Hara, Gibson, Park.

ST. MIRREN (1) 1 (McGarvey) 7,600
MOTHERWELL (0) 0
 St. Mirren: Thomson; Beckett, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Richardson, Stark, Bone, Torrance, McGarvey.
 Motherwell: Rennie; Boyd, Wark, Smith, McVie, Stevens, Miller (Leonard), Pettigrew, Larnach, Clinging (Donnelly), Wilson.

Postponed: Dundee U v Hearts.

SCOTTISH CUP (Fourth Round)

Postponed: Aberdeen v Ayr; Celtic v Ber-wick; Meadowbank v Hibs; Rangers v Kilmar-nock.

MONDAY, FEB. 19

THIRD DIVISION

TRANMERE (1) 1 (Kerr) 2,445
SHEFF. WED. (1) 1 (Wyldie)
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Postlewhite, Evans, Palios, Kerr, Moore, Cra-ven, McAuley.
 Sheff. W.: Turner; Shirtliff, Rushbury, Grant, Mullen, Johnson, Wyldie, Porterfield, Leman, Lowey, Hornsby.

Postponed: Southend v Watford.

SCOTTISH CUP (Third Round)

Postponed: Dundee Utd. v St. Mirren.
DUMBARTON (0) 1 (Gallagher, B.) 1,000
ALLOA (0) 0
 Dumbarton: Hunter; Sinclair, McNeil, McCluskey, Gallagher (J), McLeod, Brown, Fyfe, Gallagher (B), Blair, Whitford (D).
 Alloa: McNab; Henderson, Wallace, McGarry, Holt, Miller, Cochran, Lawson, Mor-rison, Irvine, Carberry.

MORTON (1) 1 (Ritchie pen.) 3,963
ST. JOHNSTONE (1) 1 (Brogan)
 Morton: Brcic; Hayes, Holmes, Anderson, Orr, McLaren, Russell, Miller, Thomson, Scott, Ritchie.
 St. Johnstone: Geoghegan; Weir, McNeil, Muir, Hamilton, Rutherford, Palose, Brogan, Branagan, Hamilton (J) (Montgomery), Lawson.

STIRLING (0) 0
PARTICK (0) 2 (Somner pen., Melrose) 3,000
 Stirling: Young; Nicol, Steedman, Duffin, Kennedy, Moffat, McCrae, Watson (Heggie), Steel, McLeod (Browning), Armstrong.
 Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Anderson, McAdam (Melrose), Campbell, Houston, Somner, Marr, O'Hara, Park.

Postponed: F.A. Cup Fourth Round: Leeds v WBA; Oldham v Leicester; Fourth Division: Huddersfield v Torquay.



Southampton's Phil Boyer scored one of their goals in a 3-0 home win v. Everton.

TUESDAY, FEB. 20

F.A. CUP (Fifth Round)

ALDERSHOT (0) 2 (Dungworth 2) 11,895
SHREWSBURY (0) 2 (Maguire, Tong)
 Aldershot: Johnson; Howitt, Wooler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.
 Shrewsbury: Wardle; King, Larkin, Turner, Hayes, Keay, Chapman, Atkins, Tong, Biggins, Maguire.

COLCHESTER (0) 0
MAN. UTD. (0) 1 (Greenhoff J.) 13,171
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wright, Hodge, Wignall, Dowman, Packer, Foley, Dyer, Lee, Allinson.
 Man. U: Bailey; Greenhoff (B), Albiston, McIlroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Ritchie, Macari, Thomas.

FIRST DIVISION

SOUTHAMPTON (2) 2 (Hayes, Holmes) 19,845
BRISTOL C. (0) 0
 Southampton: Gennoe; Golac, Peach, Baker, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Hayes, Holmes, Curran.
 Bristol C.: Shaw; Sweeney, Cooper, Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie (Mabbutt), Royle, Cormack, Whitehead.

THIRD DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (0) 3 (Kellow, Weston, Spence) 3,636
HULL (1) 1 (Warboys)
 Blackpool: Hesford; Malone, Pashley, Wes-ton, Suddaby, McEwan, Kellow (Jones), Ser-manni, Spence, Davidson, Chandler.
 Hull: Blackburn; Nisbet, DeVries, Hawker, Dobson, Haigh, Warboys, Lord, Edwards, Hors-will (Bannister), Farley.

PLYMOUTH (0) 0
OXFORD (0) 1 (Berry) 7,098
 Plymouth: Hodge; Uzzell, McNeill, Clarke, Foster (Graves), Bason, Megson, Harrison, Binney, Perrin, Rogers.
 Oxford: Burton; McIntosh, Fogg, Briggs, Bodel, Duncan, Jeffrey, Taylor, Berry, Seacole, Hodgson.

WALSALL (0) 1 (Birch, pen.) 4,335
SWANSEA (0) 1 (Bartley)
 Walsall: Turner; Harrison, Caswell, Jones, Serella, Sbragia, Birch, Waddington (S), Austin, McDonough, Macken.
 Swansea: Crudgington; Evans, Bartley, Smith, Stevenson, Charles, Phillips, James, Curtis, Toshack, Callaghan.

FOURTH DIVISION

PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 (Barnard, Davey) 8,206
NEWPORT (1) 1 (Moore)
 Portsmouth: Mellor; Ellis, Viney, Denyer, Foster, Davey, Hemmerman, Lathan, Wilson, Barnard, Pullar.
 Newport: Plumley; Walden, Byrne, Warriner, Burton, Vaughan, Oakes, Lowndes, Goddard, Thompson, Moore.

TORQUAY (1) 3 (Wilson, Cooper, Murphy) 2,020
CREWE (0) 0
 Torquay: Turner; Darke, Twitchin, Raper, Boulton, Dunne, Wilson, Lawrence, Cooper, Murphy, Davies.
 Crewe: Caswell; Wilkinson, Dulson, Nicholls, Bowles, Bevan, Davies, Roberts, Nelson, Pur-die, Robertson.
 Postponed: Barnsley v Scunthorpe.

SCOTTISH CUP

Postponed: Dundee Utd. v St. Mirren.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

F.A. CUP (Fourth Round)

BURNLEY (1) 1 (Thomson) 20,000
SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Entwistle)
 Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Hall, Ingham, Morley (Fletcher), Kindon, James.
 Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Arnott, Clarke, Elliott, Chisholm, Rostron, Entwistle, Lee, Rowell.

Replay
WREXHAM (0) 2 (Davis, McNeil) 16,050
TOTTENHAM (1) 3 (Jones 3) a.e.t.
 Wrexham: Davies; Cegielski, Jones, Davis, Roberts, Giles, Shinton, Cartwright, McNeil, Lyons, Fox (Sutton).
 Tottenham: Kendall; Naylor, Holmes, Hod-die, Lacy, Perryman, Pratt, Villa, Lee (Arm-strong), Jones, Taylor.

FIRST DIVISION

CHELSEA (1) 1 (Langley) 15,282
COVENTRY (3) 3 (Ferguson, Wallace, Powell)
 Chelsea: Bonetti; Wilkins (G), Stride, Ban-non, Harris (Sitton), Nutton, Stanley, Wilkins (R), Aylott, Langley, Walker.
 Coventry: Blyth; Coop, McDonald, Blair, Hol-ton, Hagan, Yorath, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison.

LIVERPOOL (1) 6 (Dalglish 2, Johnson 2, Ken-nedy A., Kennedy R.) 35,754
NORWICH (0) 0
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Hughes, Ken-nedy (A), Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, John-son, Highway, McDermott, Souness.
 Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Forbes, Ryan, Hoad-ley, Powell, Neighbour, Symonds, Chivers, Lythgoe, Peters.

THIRD DIVISION

CHESTER (1) 1 (Jeffries) 2,421
GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Barker)
 Chester: Lloyd; Raynor, Walker, Storton, Jef-fries, Oakes, Sutcliffe, Felix, Edwards, Phillips, Henderson.
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Barker, Over-ton, Weatherley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hughes, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

FOURTH DIVISION

BOURNEMOUTH 0 3,990
NORTHAMPTON 0
 Bournemouth: Allen; Cunningham, Miller, Impey, Brown (R), Barton, Borthwick, Mac-Dougall, Scott, Massey, Johnson.
 Northampton: Jayes; Geidmintis, Mead, Woollett, Robertson, Bryant, Farrington, Wil-liams, Froggatt, Reilly, McCaffrey.

READING (2) 3 (Hetzke, Bowman, Earles) 5,639
HEREFORD (0) 0
 Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Hetzke, Kearney, Wanklyn, Lewis.
 Hereford: Hughes; Price, Burrows, Cornes, Hunt, Emery, Stephens, Feeley (Bailey), Crompton, Gould, Holmes (W).

STOCKPORT (0) 0
DONCASTER (0) 1 (Owen) 3,007
 Stockport: Cassidy; Cahill, Rutter, Fogarty, Park, Edwards, Hanson, Summerbee (Halford), Bradd, Armstrong, Lee.
 Doncaster: Peacock; Olney, Snodin, Meagan, Bradley, Lally, Laidlaw, Owen, French (Lewis), Bentley, Pugh.

Postponed: F.A. Cup: Oldham v Leicester;
 Fourth Division: Bradford C. v Wigan.

SCOTTISH CUP (Fourth Round)

ABERDEEN (4) 6 (Archibald 2, McMaster, Scanlon 2, Harper)
AYR (0) 2 (Phillips, McLaughlin pen.) 12,500
 Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, Considine, McMaster, Rougvie, Miller, Sullivan (Harper), Archibald (Cooper), Scanlon, Jarvie, Strachan.
 Ayr: Sproat; Wells, Kelly, Fleeting, McAlister, McSherry, Phillips, McLaughlin, Connor, Cramond, Christie (McLelland).

HIBS (2) 6 (Callaghan, Brazil, Duncan, McLeod 2, Higgins)
MEADOWBANK (0) 0 5,029
 Hibs: McArthur; Brazil, Duncan, Bremner, Stewart (Rae), McNamara, Murray, McLeod. Hutchison (Higgins), Callaghan, Lambie.
 Meadowbank: Allan; O'Rourke, Fraser, Stewart, Wight, Conroy (McKenna), Hancock (J), McKenzie, Johnston (Davidson), Leetion, Small.

RANGERS (1) 1 (MacDonald)
KILMARNOCK (0) 1 (McDicken) 16,000
 Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Dawson, Forsyth (Miller), Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Watson (Smith), Cooper.
 Kilmarnock: McCulloch; McLean, Robertson, Clark, Clarke, McDicken, Gibson, Maxwell (Jardine), Bourke, Mauchlen, Street (Cairney).

THURSDAY, FEB. 22

F.A. CUP (Fourth Round replay)

WOLVES (1) 1 (Bell)
NEWCASTLE (0) 0 19,588
 Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, McAlle, Berry, Hibbitt, Daley, Bell, Clarke, Carr.
 Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Mitchell (Pearson), Martin, Bird, Blackley, Guy, Natrass, Withe, Hibbitt, Walker.



Norman Bell scored Wolves' only and winning goal against Newcastle United in their F.A. Cup tie.

FRIDAY, FEB. 23

THIRD DIVISION

COLCHESTER (0) 2 (Lee, Hodge)
LINCOLN (0) 0 2,861
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wright, Hodge, Wignall, Downman, Packer, Foley, Dyer, Lee, Allinson.
 Lincoln: Grotier; Hubbard, Leigh, Harding, Wigginton, Smith, Guest (Jones), Ward, Harford, Cockerill, Hobson.

FOURTH DIVISION

CREWE (0) 1 (Coyle)
DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Stone) 1,474
 Crewe: Caswell; Wilkinson, Dulson, Nicholls, Bowles, Bevan (Coyle), Davies, Roberts, Nelson, Warnock, Purdie.
 Darlington: Burleigh; Crosson, Cochrane, Stone, Craig, Nattress, Probert, Wann, Ferguson, Seal, Walsh.

SATURDAY, FEB. 24

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (0) 0
WOLVES (1) 1 (Richards) 32,215
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Gattin, Talbot, O'Leary, Walford, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Price, Rix.
 Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, McAlle, Berry, Hibbitt, Patching, Bell, Richards (Eves), Carr.

BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Towers)
TOTTENHAM (0) 0 20,980
 Birmingham: Freeman; Page, Dennis, Towers, Gallagher, Tarantini, Ainscow, Bertschin, Givens, Dillon, Dark (Buckley).
 Tottenham: Kendall; Naylor, Holmes, Hoddle, Lacy, Perryman, Pratt, Armstrong, Villa, Jones, Taylor.

BOLTON (1) 2 (Burke, McNab)
CHELSEA (1) 1 (Bannon) 19,457
 Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Dunne, Walsh, Jones, Greaves, Morgan, Burke, Gowing, Worthington, McNab.
 Chelsea: Bonetti; Wilkins (G), Stride, Bannon, Sifton, Nutton, Stanley, Wilkins (R), Osgood, Langley, Walker.

COVENTRY (0) 0
MAN. CITY (1) 3 (Channon 2, Kidd) 20,116
 Coventry: Blyth; Cooper, McDonald, Blair, Holton, Hagan (Thompson), Yorath, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison.
 Man. C: Corrigan; Donachie, Power, Owen, Booth, Futcher (P), Channon, Viljoen, Kidd, Hartford, Barnes.

DERBY (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Dalglish, Kennedy, R.) 27,859
 Derby: McKellar; Langan, Buckley, Daly, McFarland, Moreland, Carter, Powell, Caskey, Riach, Greenwood.
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Hughes, Kennedy (A), Kennedy (R), Thompson, Dalglish, Johnson, Heighway, McDermott, Souness.

EVERTON (0) 0
IPSWICH (1) 1 (Mariner) 29,031
 Everton: Wood; Todd, Higgins, Lyons, Wright, Heard, King, Dobson, Latchford, Telfer, Thomas (Walsh).
 Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Tibbott, Mills, Butcher, Beattie, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Woods.

MAN. UTD (0) 1 (Greenhoff, J. pen.)
ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Albiston o.g.) 44,437



A fine 2-0 win away at Sheffield United by Millwall was helped by a Phil Walker goal.

Man. U: Bailey; Greenhoff (B), Albiston, McIlroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Ritchie, Macari (Nicholl), Thomas.
Aston V: Rimmer; Gidman, Williams, Gregory, Evans (A), Mortimer, Craig, Swain, Ward, Cowans, Shelton.

NORWICH (0) 1 (Peters)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0 13,886
 Norwich: Hansbury; Bond, Davies, Ryan, Forbes, Powell, Neighbour (McGuire), Robson, Fashanu, Paddon, Peters.
 Middlesbrough: Stewart; Craggs, Johnson, Mahoney, Boam, McAndrew (Hodgson), Burns, Proctor, Ashcroft, Cummins, Armstrong.

NOTTM FOREST (2) 2 (Needham, Birtles)
BRISTOL C (0) 0 28,008
 Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Clark, McGovern, Lloyd, Needham, O'Neill (Francis), Gemmill, Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.
 Bristol C: Cashley; Sweeney, Cooper, Gow, Rodgers, Collier, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Cormack (Mann), Mabbutt.

Q.P.R. (0) 0
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Holmes) 13,636
 Q.P.R.: Richardson; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Roeder, Busby, Shanks, Francis, Hamilton (Allen), Bowles, Goddard.
 Southampton: Gennoe; Golac, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Hayes, Holmes, Curran.

W.B.A. (1) 1 (Brown, T.)
LEEDS (2) 2 (Graham 2) 26,426
 W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A) (Mills), Regis, Cantello, Cunningham.
 Leeds: Harvey; Cherry, Stevenson, Flynn, Hart, Madeley, Harris (Parkinson), Graham, Hawley, Currie, Gray (F).

SECOND DIVISION

BRISTOL R (1) 2 (Williams 2)
NOTTS CO (2) 2 (Hooks, Vinter) 6,887
 Bristol R: Thomas; Jones, Bater, Harding, Taylor, Prince, Dennehy, Williams, White, Hendrie (Stanforth), Emmanuel.
 Notts C: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Blockley, Stubbs, Mann, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks, Hunt, Vinter.

BURNLEY (0) 0
STOKE (0) 3 (O'Callaghan, Randall, Crooks) 13,756

Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Robinson, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon, James.
 Stoke: Jones; Dodd, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Doyle, Randall, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Richardson.

CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Cegielski o.g.)
WREXHAM (0) 0 5,297
 Cambridge: Webster; Cozens, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Graham, Christie, Spriggs, Murray, Finney, Biley.
 Wrexham: Davies; Cegielski (Sutton), Jones, Davis, Roberts, Giles, Shinton, Cartwright, McNeil, Lyons, Fox.

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Buchanan)
ORIENT (0) 0 8,256
 Cardiff: Healey; Jones, Sullivan, Campbell, Dwyer, Pontin, Grapes (Bishop), Stevens, Evans, Buchanan, Moore.
 Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Hughton, Gray, Went, Chiedozie, Whittle, Mayo (Clarke), Moores, Coates.

CHARLTON (0) 1 (Peacock pen.)
LEICESTER (0) 0 7,936
 Charlton: Johns; Penfold, Warman, Brisley, Shipperley, Berry, Powell, Robinson, Hales (Shaw), Campbell, Peacock.
 Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, Williams, May, O'Neill, Peake, Smith, Henderson, Buchanan, Goodwin.

C. PALACE 0
PRESTON 0 17,592
 Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Kember, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Murphy, Swindlehurst, Fanwick (Smillie), Walsh.
 Preston: Tunks; Taylor, Cameron, Burns (Doyle), Baxter, O'Riordan, Coleman, Haslegrave, Robinson, Potts, Bruce.

FULHAM (0) 0
BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Clark) 18,640
 Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Bullivant, Money, Gale, Margerrison, Beck, Guthrie, Kitchen, Marinello.
 Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Ryan, Ward, Maybank, Sayer (Clark), O'Sullivan.

LUTON (0) 2 (West, Turner)
BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Garner) 6,247
 Luton: Findlay; Stephens, Aizlewood, Carr, Turner, Price, Hill, West, Stein (Taylor), Hatton, Silkman.
 Blackburn: Butcher; Fowler, Bailey, Metcalfe, Fazackerley, Round, Hird, Garner, Craig, Parkes, Birchenall.

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Connolly)
SUNDERLAND (2) 4 (Rowell 3, 1 pen. Entwistle) 35,000
 Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Natrass, Martin, Bird, Blackley (Mitchell), Shoulder, Walker, Withe, Hibbitt, Connolly.
 Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Arnott (Docherty), Clarke, Elliott, Chisholm, Rostron, Entwistle, Lee, Rowell.

SHEFF. UTD (0) 0
MILLWALL (1) 2 (Walker, Seaman) 13,763
 Sheff. U: Conroy; McPhail, Calvert, Matthews, Franks, Speight, Anderson, Smith, Stainrod, Sabella, Hamson.
 Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Gregory (Tagg), Chambers, Kitchener, Blyth, Chatterton, Seaman, Mitchell, Walker, Townner.

WEST HAM (1) 3 (Holland, Martin, Robson)
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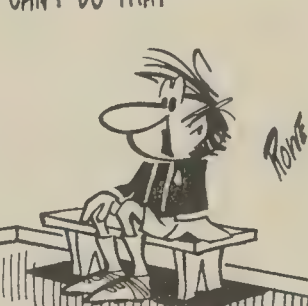
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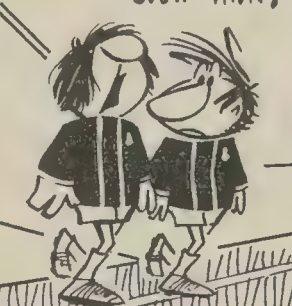
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FATAL TO MAKE MISTAKES IN THE 'FIRST'

THE 25-year-old stylish central defender has always expressed a wish to play in the First Division. His chance came at the start of the season with the newly-promoted Burnden Park outfit. Has life in the top flight lived up to expectations?

"It's definitely a lot easier than I thought it would be," confesses Paul. "It's been great playing in front of the big crowds and that's given me a lift. The biggest difference I've found is it's fatal to make mistakes because you get punished and the game's far quicker."

"It's been a wonderful experience playing against the different players each week even though we've struggled at times. People haven't given me as much trouble as I thought they might have done. I've really enjoyed clashes against the likes of Kenny Dalglish and Frank Stapleton."

Jones has been dogged by injuries, which began last season. A cartilage was removed and then he suffered two pulled muscles. This term he's had a stomach strain. "I'm still not 100 per cent fit," he says, "and I still get trouble, but it's a question of resting or keeping going."

Jones has won back his place at the heart of the Wanderers back-four after spells at full-back earlier in the season.

"The boss, Ian Greaves, came up with the idea that I would be a

says Bolton's Paul Jones



success in that position," says Paul, "but as I said at the time I didn't mind playing there for him as an emergency measure, but didn't fancy the idea of playing at full-back for the rest of my career. I wanted to play at centre-half and with this injury to contend with it didn't help. After a few games I took a rest, then I returned to first team duty wearing that treasured number five shirt. I feel happiest there."

"The back-four is beginning to take shape again now after a shaky start and some shocking results. It was a big problem earlier on. We were giving away too many silly goals and we were chopping and changing the team around. Gradually we've settled."

"At the moment I'm playing alongside Mick Walsh and whenever I've played with Mick we've always struck up an understanding. It's just the same when big Sam Allardyce plays in the side — perm any two from three really and we can hit it off."

"In midfield the injured Peter Reid has been sorely missed. I think once he gets back into

action, then it will be a lot better. Sadly, we'll have to wait until next season now."

"Neil McNab, our £250,000 signing, has taken over from Peter as the team's dynamo. He began very quietly, but he's started to turn it on and he's really buzzing."

Jones joined Bolton straight from school in May, 1968 and signed professional forms in July, 1970. He made his debut the following January in a 2-1 win against Sheffield United at Burnden Park and was included in the England squad for the match against Luxembourg in a World Cup qualifier.

'Reckoning'

"That's my target again," he says. "To get back into the England reckoning."

"Success for Bolton this season is staying in the First Division, but after saying that, there's no way anybody here at Burnden thinks we will go down. We're very attack-minded. We go forward as a unit and look very good indeed."

"We've a 16-man squad to call on with two or three good youngsters who are on the verge. Confidence and team spirit are sky high. Ian Greaves is bubbling — he's full of it. And on a personal note, I'm feeling great now and happy in the First Division with Bolton Wanderers."

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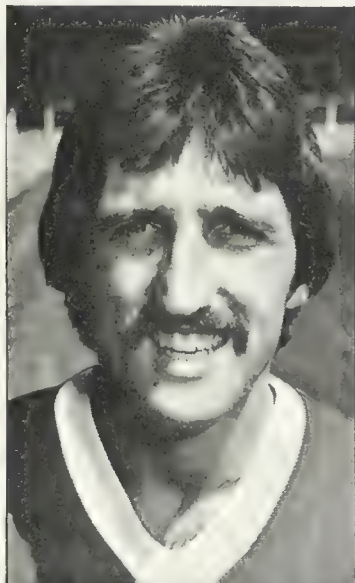
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*'Watch out for
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DAVID JOHNSON
(Liverpool)

JOHNSON: That was a tough game you gave us in the F.A. Cup at Ipswich. I am anticipating an equally hard match when you meet us at Anfield in the League on Saturday.

WOODS: I was terribly disappointed when we made our Cup exit. We had a couple of chances, which we missed — and nobody can afford to let an opportunity slip against Liverpool. Then after Kenny Dalglish put you ahead, we had to give full marks to your defence for the way they hung on to the lead.

JOHNSON: The goal by Kenny was typical of the sort he can get in this type of game. In a certain situation, when it doesn't seem possible for anything to develop, Kenny will bob up to make something out of nothing. We are used to him doing this, and it is all due to his temperament and knack of creating an opening under pressure. You'll have to watch out for Kenny, he's a real menace.

WOODS: He was certainly under pressure from Terry Butcher when he scored, but swivelled on a sixpence, and in no time at all the ball was in the back of the net. Kenny is in a class by himself as a finisher. But how about young Terry Butcher? He has had very little experience so far, yet I'm sure he has done enough to show he has a brilliant career ahead of him.

JOHNSON: Yes, I agree with you there. Terry has it all going for him, and on top of that, his height, 6ft. 3ins., makes him a formidable opponent. He impressed me very much in the Cup-tie, and no doubt he will be determined to be a

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stumbling block against Liverpool at Anfield.

WOODS: I remember you beat us 3-0 at Portman Road earlier this season, but last term we got a 2-2 draw at Anfield, and if we can share the points this time I suppose we will be reasonably happy. Coming away from your ground with anything is one of the most difficult tasks in football, though we will still be after the two points.

JOHNSON: In my spell at Ipswich I recall a 3-3 draw between the two sides at Anfield, as well as the 2-2 tie you mentioned. On the other occasions I believe Liverpool have come out on top, but we aren't counting our chickens this time. Complacency is something we guard against, which is why we've never talked about achieving the League and Cup double this season.

WOODS: Well, I must admit Liverpool are the team I fancy for the League and Cup after you beat us at Ipswich. That Cup defeat, incidentally, came after a run of 12 games in which our only setback was against Bristol City. This is the reason why we thought we had a good chance against you at Portman Road, and why we hope to test you at Anfield.

JOHNSON: I know that your skipper, Mick Mills, will come to Liverpool with the right approach. There is no more respected professional in the game, and with him in your defence, it won't be an easy afternoon for us. However, our home advantage is almost as good as having a goal start. Yet I've never been able to fathom out why the Anfield crowd has such an off-putting effect on visiting teams.

WOODS: In front of the Kop I think most visiting sides try to defend,



*'If we share
the points
we'll be happy'*

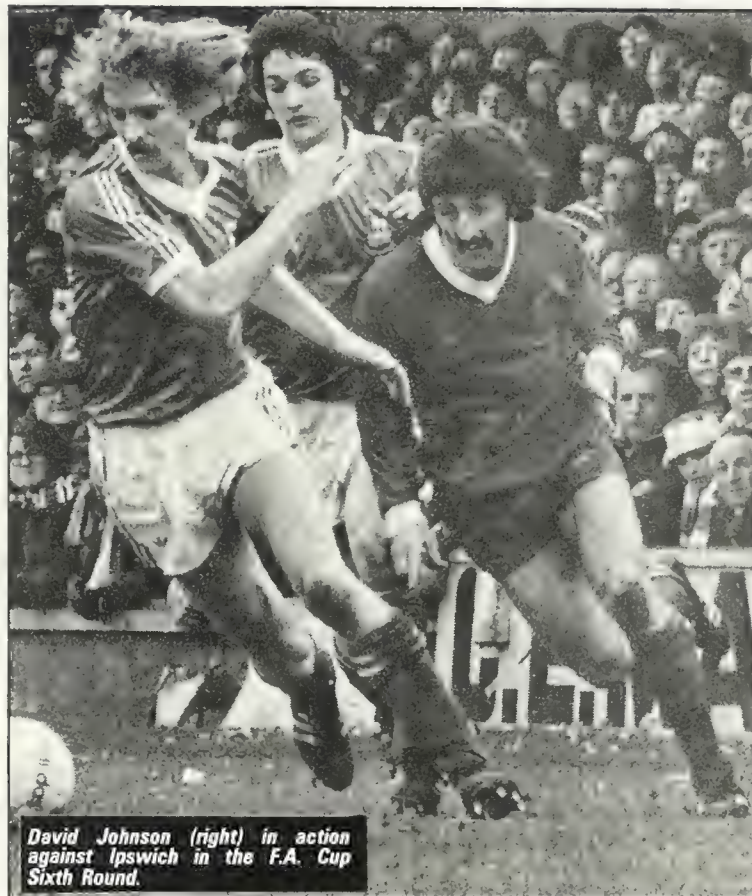
CLIVE WOODS
(Ipswich)

while also being prepared to make a quick break whenever possible. But whether or not a team intends to go on the defensive against Liverpool, they are usually forced back by the sheer number of red jerseys coming at them. We are all aware of the way you play, and your tactics, as you are of ours, and I think this match could be a 0-0 draw or there might be one goal in it either way.

JOHNSON: I'm just looking ahead and hoping that we can get a similar result to the one we managed against you in the Cup. We went to Portman Road with the thought that if we tied that would be okay with us, with the opportunity of taking you to Anfield for a replay. But when we won it was a great experience, particularly for me against my old club. The game was demanding, we gave and took a few knocks, and I enjoyed every minute of it, especially when we came away with the right result. And as Liverpool need all their home points to help them in their title bid, another win over Ipswich would be a feather in our caps.

WOODS: I realise how important the match is to you. But we believe if we can keep up our good run, we can finish up in the top six, so we've also plenty to play for at Anfield. After winning the F.A. Cup last season, we were optimistic at the start of this term before suffering some reverses. But we got on the right track and will try to stay on it — with players like Muhren and Thijssen to help us.

JOHNSON: I'll wish Ipswich well in their efforts to climb the table — but only after the match at Anfield.



David Johnson (right) in action against Ipswich in the F.A. Cup Sixth Round.

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VERY few transfer deals are cash. The usual arrangement is a down-payment and the balance paid over an agreed period of time. When Coventry City were reported to have made a £450,000 bid for Ipswich Town defender Kevin Beattie, the England star wondered just what that sort of transfer fee would look like . . . in cash. So he went down to his local Lloyds Bank and the manager obliged — with one condition. That Kevin didn't wear a big coat with a lot of pockets! The pile of notes grew and grew until there was £450,000. Kevin's comment: "Can you imagine what Trevor Francis's fee would look like!"



SHOOT!

NOBBY Stiles has been a fighter all his career. For Manchester United and England, the gritty little guy with the front teeth missing worked like a Trojan to reach the top of English football. Nobby's joy at winning a World Cup medal in 1966 was shared by an entire nation.

But Nobby Stiles has just been through one of the toughest challenges of his career. Always a great competitor, he has tackled his most recent challenge with all the fervour and commitment he showed when he wore the red shirt of Manchester United and the white of England.

Now manager of Preston North End, Stiles has set the once proud Deepdale club on the road to recovery. It hasn't been easy, involving a great deal of work. But there are clear indications he has started to restore Preston's footballing fortunes.

Nobby, always a battler, says: "We surprised a lot of people by winning promotion from Division Three last season but we obviously needed to work hard to stay in the Second. There is a difference and we had to adapt pretty quickly."

"Our problem revolved around how we approached it. We could have played ultra-defensive football and just tried to survive. But I never believed that was the way to



"I've always believed in attacking football. People get the wrong impression. They forget I played in good sides and was involved in some fine football. I grew up with attacking United sides and that influence was decisive."

"People say I'm a hard man and that has rubbed off at Preston. We do compete, I'll admit that, and our attitude has to be right to satisfy me. But I've never believed you progress through blanket defence. You have to go out and create chances. If you think only of defence, you'll be caught out. But if you keep trying to score goals, you'll succeed in the end."

"At the start of the season, we had problems. We were trying to create chances and score goals but were getting caught out and con-

solid Second Division side in the last few months and have had some good results. Stiles says: "We are looking like a football club once again. The potential is there to really do well but as to how long it will take to get Preston into the First Division, I just haven't got a clue."

"These things cannot be judged. We could do it next season or it might take five years. But financially the club is one of the most stable around and that's a good base. Everyone has played their part in our recovery this season."

And how is Nobby Stiles finding management? "I am enjoying it as much as ever," he says. "Everyone said I would miss playing but I haven't. I've had a fresh challenge — management and the coaching

NOBBY STILES - always on the attack

play football and never will accept it. That's just not my style."

You might just raise an enquiring eyebrow at that statement. Nobby Stiles, remembered for marking the great Eusebio, of Benfica, out of the European Cup Final at Wembley in 1968, believes passionately in attacking football. He says: "I don't want to sound big-headed, but you're not useless as a player if you play for United and England.

ceding goals. We had a bad start, but I was determined to stick to what I felt was right. We got new players, tightened up at the back and started to get the results. But we never dropped the attacking football. I'd rather have kept on losing than pack up attacking football."

Now, Stiles, and assistant-manager Alan Kelly, are leading Preston out of the footballing wilderness. Preston have looked a

side of the game — and I've enjoyed that as something new."

The return of Preston North End, one of British soccer's top clubs of the past, to the First Division would be a magnificent achievement for Nobby Stiles. Preston had slipped too far down the ladder since their glory days. All football will be pleased proud Preston are at last on the way back.

It needed a man of Nobby Stiles' courage to accomplish that task.

PROGRESSIVE SECOND DIVISION MANAGERS WITH FIRM IDEAS

IN each of his three seasons as Shrewsbury player-manager, Alan Durban steered his club to a position near the top early on — and then saw them fade out of the promotion race.

But he's confident the same thing won't happen to his Stoke team, whom he has kept in the Second Division's top three all season.

He says: "They're a different breed of animal here. They are players of First Division quality — and some of them, of course, have played there."

"Mike Doyle has had a tremendous season for us at the back. I reckon he must be in the running

"He's one of the straightest people in the game and he maintains strict discipline. I know, because I was fined enough times by him — mainly for talking to the Press!"

Now he's the boss, Durban can give as many interviews as he wants. And though he claims not to be like his ex-manager, he shows plenty of his traits.

He found a novel way of demonstrating his insistence on punctuality soon after taking over at the Victoria Ground.

After a game in London, he stepped into the coach dead on the time he'd set for departure and



ALAN DURBAN - lays down rules

for the Player of the Year award. "My old Derby skipper Dave Mackay was the last Second Division player to get that honour, though he shared it with Tony Book. And I don't see why Doyle shouldn't win it."

At Derby, Durban also came under the influence of Brian Clough. Since becoming a manager himself, he's been compared to the Nottingham Forest boss.

"I don't think I'm like Cloughie, but at the same time, you can't work under a fellow like that and not have some of his methods rub off on you."

noticed one player was missing. He ordered the driver to set off.

Steve Waddington, son of Stoke's former manager, was the player left to make his own way home.

Says Durban: "I never found out how late he was because we left right on time. I didn't fine him, but I didn't reimburse him for his train fare, either."

"I've always found the players who let you down off the field are usually the same ones who let you down on the field, although I don't include Waddington in this remark."

"You have to have discipline. When I first got here, things were slaphappy. The first time I took the team for training, I counted seven different coloured shirts."

"I've sorted them out and got things organised. You don't want too many conformists or you get a club full of creeps and yes men. But you've got to have rules."

Durban reckons Stoke have made remarkable progress in the year he's been in charge.

"I think most people would have settled for us just avoiding relegation last season. But we finished in seventh place in the table. Now we

must have a great chance of going back into Division One."

"There's a tremendous will to get back, especially among our older players like Doyle and Denis Smith."

Durban has bought well at the Victoria Ground. Striker Paul Randall, a recent import, has shown himself to be a skilful forward. And his striking partner Brendan O'Callaghan has been frightening defences all season.

The result is Durban is the favourite choice to lead his team out of Division Two and make a Cloughie-style assault on the First.

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'TACKLING FROM BEHIND IS AN ART'

THIS week I would like to tackle one of the thorniest questions in the game... what to do about a football tactic which seems to be raising more than a few tempers just now.

I am referring to tackling from behind?

In a word, nothing! The cry at the moment is the tackle is destroying the opportunities of our ball players to show their skills. It restricts their skills and discourages them from holding the ball.

The Press tell us it is permitted only in Scotland and that in England no referee would allow it for a second. Nonsense!

Tackling from behind is an art, just as dribbling, shooting and goalkeeping are. And far from being prominent only in Scotland, Continental players are well versed in riding this kind of attempt at trying to win the ball.

I'm not, of course, talking about the hit-men who charge in from the back with their boots acting like a scythe on the shins of the man in possession.

But it is very possible to take the ball cleanly from behind without touching the player unfairly in any way... and any administrators who try to change that are tampering with the very essence of our sport.

Football is a man's game, a contact sport. If you ban tackles like the one from behind you will take the physical aspect out of it.

I'm happy with the way things are when the referee is left to his own discretion to decide when a defender goes in unfairly.

Meanwhile how about a progress report on the run-in to my target of a place in the Scottish team for the British Championship in May.

I'm fully fit now and as every game goes by I feel more and more like my old self. So is Alfie Conn, who was injured in a League game against Morton at Cappielow on December 23 and was out of action until he had an outing in the reserves against Stirling Albion at Annfield on February 28.

He scored the only goal and was brought in to face Aberdeen in a League game at Parkhead three days later... almost unbelievably our first in the Premier Division since that Morton game in which Alfie was hurt.

He played as if he had never been out — and indeed as far as the League was concerned, he never was! The "Conn-man" scored the only goal of the game, and what a cracker it was.

I was delighted to see Alfie back, because there are few players who have seen more of the treatment table than the two of us over the

last few months and Alfie's whole career has been plagued by injury.

Sometimes perhaps he brings it on himself, trying too much too quickly on a comeback after a period on the sidelines. After injury, and this goes at every level of the game, players should ease themselves in without trying to hold on to the ball too long or overstretching unused muscles.

When I came back I felt absolutely dead at half-time in my first games, but as I built up slowly I soon got all my old fitness back.

And talking of coming back makes me think more and more of

the League Championship flag coming back to Parkhead.

As this season progresses I see Celtic as having more and more of a chance, although to be honest I would rather have the points won than games in hand.

The League race is far from over and in my humble opinion it could go right to the last game of the season before we get a winner with ourselves, Rangers, St. Mirren, Dundee United and Aberdeen all in there fighting for glory.

Which all in all makes it only a shade more exciting than the fight for the First Division title.

Dundee, Kilmarnock, Ayr, Clydebank, Hamilton... all five are heading for a finish which is going to be so tight it will squeak.

Only two go up into the Premier Division and I'm plumping for Dundee to take the Championship and Willie McLean's Ayr to join them on the trip. It would be some triumph for Ayr who are on their third manager this season!

And Dundee proved they are Premier quality when they thrashed St. Mirren in the Cup at Dens Park. But more than that, with their full-time gamble they MUST make it or land themselves in big financial trouble.

Ex-Celt Tommy Gemmell is the manager and I am backing him to come face to face with his former Lisbon Lion team-mates Billy McNeill, of Celtic, and Bertie Auld, of Partick Thistle, in League business next season.

See you in two weeks.

Danny McGrain



Danny with daughter Vicki. Coventry's Ian Wallace (below) times his tackle badly and David Price of Arsenal is sent sprawling.



NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN
TALK BY RANGERS'
DEREK JOHNSTONE

AC TORINO could only draw 0-0 away to Fiorentina recently despite the fact that the home side had a man sent-off. Chance of the day fell to international centre-forward Paolo Pulici when Torino were awarded a penalty. The previous week Pulici had notched a hat trick, but he put his penalty against the post — his first miss from the spot in almost three years.

Austria to win?

SCOTLAND manager Jock Stein will no doubt be in Brussels next Wednesday (28th March) to see the important European Championship Group Two tie between Belgium and Austria. It is difficult to say which result would be best for the Scots — probably a draw — but Scotland's fate is now in their own hands, not those of their opponents.

Austria will be favourites to get a good result as Belgium have been very unsuccessful over the past couple of years, and aren't yet ready for big-time international football.

Two years ago Belgium manager Guy Thys started to rebuild his team, giving a lot of youngsters their chance, but they haven't adapted to the needs of football at this level.

They lack experience, as Belgium play few internationals, and with many foreign forwards in the domestic League, Thys is finding Belgian strikers hard to find.

Still, they have a few outstanding players, such as goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff, midfielders Ludo Coeck and René van der Eycken.

Austria, who had a good World Cup in Argentina, are a strong all-round side and in Hans Krankl have one of Europe's deadliest strikers, averaging a goal-a-game for Barcelona. The Austrians' experience could swing the match their way.

A FIRM in Barcelona, Spain, has offered to build a new electronic scoreboard along the lines of the Cosmos' model for Barcelona's Nou Camp stadium in time for the 1982 World Cup. The problem is that the installations would cost over £2 million — more than it cost to build the stadium in 1957!

First touch a penalty save!

REAL MADRID'S reserve goalkeeper García Remón made his presence felt during the team's recent 1-1 draw in Santander. Real were leading 1-0 when there was a tremendous scuffle in their goalmouth and Sol handled on the line. The referee awarded the penalty, but Real's goalkeeper, Miguel Angel had been injured in the melee and had to be stretchered off.

Substitute García Remón (below) ran on, hurriedly doing some limbering-up exercises — and saved the penalty with his first touch of the game.



WORLD WIDE

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World Champions fail in Uruguay

URUGUAY'S win in the South American Youth Tournament represents yet another victory for the host nation in an important tournament. But, home advantage apart, there are still some interesting pointers as to the way South American football is shaping up.

One of the big stories was the disappointing performance by the Brazilians, who qualified for the final round by the skin of their teeth after losing to Colombia, and then failed to pick up a single point against Uruguay, Argentina and Paraguay. After their indifferent World Cup display, many people feel that this defeat for the youngsters underlines Brazil's decline as a world soccer power.

As predicted, World Cup-winning coach César Luis Menotti's Argentina side represented the main threat to the Uruguayans, and the home crowds made them just about as welcome as an English team at Hampden Park! Fortunately, both of them had already qualified by the time they met in the preliminary group and this took some of the heat out of the situation, but even so there were sendings-off and nasty incidents when the Uruguayan police made a baton charge into the Argentina dressing-room after the game.

In the final round, Uruguay's win was due to some good attacking play and impressive long-range shooting, and their victory has given the Uruguayans new hope for the future after their humiliating World Cup elimination by humble Bolivia.

Paraguay, who finished third, also performed well, and their captain, Romero, was one of the outstanding names in the tournament. Although they didn't have the same all-round strength of Uruguay and Argentina, they definitely confirmed the impression that Paraguayan football is on the ascendancy.

Of course, Menotti's young



Standing (left to right): Fernando Alvez, Arsenio Luzardo, Héctor Molina, Domingo Cáceres, Daniel Martínez, Nelson Alaguich. Front row: Ernesto Vargas, Jorge Barrios, Rubén Paz, Roberto Roo, Ricardo Viera.

Argentina side were the star attraction of the tournament and he was certainly satisfied by their performance, even though they scored only one goal in the final phase. Menotti confidently predicts that midfielder Maradona (who starred despite some brutal man-to-man marking) and defenders Barbas (sent-off against Uruguay and banned for four matches) and Simón will be in his 1982 World Cup squad.

Simón sums up their attitude when he says: "Ignoring the results, it was just a great experience. I had never played in front of more than 2,000 people and it was an education to suddenly find ourselves in a stadium with 70,000 Uruguayans screaming insults at us!"

For the Uruguayans, Argentines and Paraguayans the next stop on their route to international experience will be the World Youth Tournament to be held in Japan in August. Chile will not be among

THE fact that Brazilian football is in a sorry state from top to bottom has been underlined by the transfer of their World Cup full-back, 29-year-old Rodrigues Neto from Botafogo to Ferro Carril Oeste in Argentina for a fee of — wait for it... £40,000! No, I haven't left any noughts off the figure and it's sad that Botafogo could accept such a low figure.

the Finalists, having provided the black note in the South American tournament.

They 'adjusted' the ages of their players so that over-age boys could play, yet even 'playing dirty' could only bring them fifth place, and the officials responsible for the fraud are now being given a real roasting back in Chile.

For the record, here are the results and final table from the final phase:

Uruguay 1 Brazil 0
Argentina 0 Paraguay 0
Paraguay 2 Brazil 1
Uruguay 0 Argentina 0
Argentina 1 Brazil 0
Uruguay 2 Paraguay 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1. Uruguay	3	2	1	0	3	1	5
2. Argentina	3	1	2	0	1	0	4
3. Paraguay	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
4. Brazil	3	0	0	3	1	4	0

Names in the news

THE transfer fee of ALLAN SIMONSEN, who is leaving Borussia Mönchengladbach at the end of the season, will be £500,000 for another Bundesliga club or £900,000 for a foreign club, still cheap by today's standards in England... 39-year-old Enrico Albertosi of AC Milan has played his 500th League game in Italy... JAN FABERA, for seven years secretary of the Czech F.A., has taken over as coach of Algerian club Constantine who are in relegation trouble... Sweden manager GEORG ERICSON has been in the Middle East with his national squad, including many youngsters, to keep fit and earn some money... JACEK GMOCH, Poland's 1978 World Cup manager, will coach Norwegian club Skied of Oslo from May.

RECORD WIN

SPANISH club Real Zaragoza have been struggling near the foot of the First Division all season, yet they amazingly recorded the highest win in the club's history when they beat Español 8-1, with striker Pichi Alonso hitting five of them. Another striker also on form was Barcelona's Hans Krankl, who hit the top of the European scoring charts after scoring all three in Barcelona's 3-0 home win over Hercules. Krankl would have had four if he hadn't missed a penalty — his second fluffed spot-kick in his last three attempts.

Two-year ban

IN France, Rennes' African striker Laurent Pokou has been banned for two years after striking the referee during a Rennes-Saint Pol de Leon match. It's the stiffest punishment dished out in France since Brazil's 1970 World Cup winger Jairzinho also received a two-year ban after thumping a linesman while playing for Olympique Marseille against Paris St. Germain.

THE season came to a premature end for Atlético Madrid's international midfielder Eugenio Leal, who had to undergo a ligament operation at the end of February. Leal is the fifth Atlético player to need an operation this season, and one of the club's directors has remarked that he's going to buy a season ticket for the operating theatre!

24 O.K. in '86

COLOMBIA, 1986 World Cup hosts, have announced they can accommodate 24 participants for the tournament. It is expected that FIFA will soon confirm that there will be eight extra Finalists for the 1982 competition in Spain and Colombia have promised they, too, can handle 24 teams.

Señor Alfonso Senior, President of the Colombian F.A., says: "We are capable of reaching every one of FIFA's standards and eight of our cities — Bogotá, Medellín, Cali, Barranquilla, Pereira, Ibaque, Bucaramanga and Armenia — have the necessary facilities for the World Cup."

Peru keep their young stars

AS I mentioned a while ago, the Peruvian government is anxious to cash in on the international reputation gained during Peru's World Cup campaign in a bid to recoup some of the cash they spent in 'repatriating' some of their exiled stars.

Now, some of the older members of the squad are being sold off, while the youngsters are being kept together in Peru to prepare for the South American Championship and the 1982 World Cup.

Apart from the English adventure of Oblitas (28) and Rojas (29), Velásquez (27) and Sotil (30) have been sold to Independiente de Medellín in Colombia. The only youngster who's been released is Ernesto Labarthe, who's been signed by Chilean Champions Palestino.

EVERY time that we mention Boca Juniors defender Vicente Pernía it seems to be to comment that he's been sent-off yet again (he was the Argentine who thumped Willie Johnston in 1977). The season is just getting under way in Argentina, and poor old Pernía had the (dis) honour of being sent-off in a pre-season friendly between Boca and Czechoslovakia.

FRANCE's foremost club in recent years, Saint-Etienne, have run into trouble with Manufrance, the company who pay £15,000 a month to have their name featured on the team's shirts. Unfortunately, Manufrance, who manufacture products ranging from bicycles to firearms, are in danger of bankruptcy, and the official receiver has already been called in. The club is hurriedly looking around for another sponsor.

NEWS FLASHES

THE Spanish 1982 World Cup Organising Committee have offered a prize of £7,500 to whoever suggests the best design for a World Cup mascot, like Tip and Tap in 1974. Closing date is March 31st.

THERE was a sensational start to the Anderlecht/Kortrijk match in Belgium when the visitors led 2-0 after only eight minutes . . . Anderlecht, however recovered to win 7-2!

ACCORDING to a survey in West Germany, 60 German housewives were so badly treated by their husbands after the disappointing showing of the national side during the 1978 World Cup Finals that they left home . . . and still haven't returned!

FORMER West Ham defender Keith Coleman had to appear before the board of directors of Belgian Second Division club KV Mechelen. It was said Keith's performances "had left a lot to be desired" and he was dropped. The directors just wanted a "chat" with Keith . . .



ITALY'S OLD BRIGADE GAIN REVENGE

ITALY gained revenge for the 2-1 World Cup defeat by Holland when they beat the Dutch 3-0 in Milan. It was a good performance by the Italians, although Holland were without several key players — notably Krol, Rensenbrink, Neeskens, Haan and Geels — while the Dutch League players hadn't played for over two months because of bad weather.

Italy haven't been beaten at home in eight years and the run now stretches to 27 games. Enzo Bearzot, the Italy manager, was under fire before the game for sticking to the nucleus of Juventus players.

Juve are fifth in the table, six points behind AC Milan and there was just one new cap in the line-up, AC's Fulvio Collovatti (21).

Bettega, Rossi (pen.) and Tardelli (above) scored the goals and Italian players received a £1,000 a man win bonus.

Bearzot said: "My team exceeded my expectations in Argentina and there is no reason to discard the players. Changes will be made gradually with the 1980 European Championship Finals in mind."



Record-breaking Müller booed



GERD Müller and Bayern Munich have, as reported, parted company after a 15-year association, with the player joining Fort Lauderdale Strikers. Things turned sour for the 33-year-old record-breaking striker and following a row with team-boss Csernai (who substituted Der Bomber for the first time ever, apart from when he was injured) Müller asked for his contract to be cancelled.

Gerd claimed he had no respect for his manager and placed the matter in the hands of his solicitors. Müller had already announced that he would leave Bayern at the end of the season, but wanted to leave sooner if possible . . . and has done.

Gerd Müller is arguably the most lethal striker of all-time. In his 63 internationals he scored 68 goals, incredible when you realise they were scored against quality opposition as the Germans ruled world soccer.

There have been 34 clubs in the Bundesliga and Gerd has scored against 31 of them, totalling 365 goals in just over 400 matches. His favourite opponents are Hamburger SV — he's netted 27 times against Kevin Keegan's club.

Müller's League record will stand for years; the second top scorer is Jupp Heynckes with 220 goals, but he's retired and Klaus Fischer, in third place, has almost 200 goals, but he's 30 this year and won't beat Gerd's total.

Just about the only record Müller doesn't hold is the number of goals in a Bundesliga game; his namesake, Dieter of 1.FC Cologne, has that distinction with six of the best. Overall, Dieter, 25, is 250 goals behind Gerd in the goal-chart.

Gerd has scored five goals on five occasions and four goals twice.

Even this season, despite his troubles, Müller is high in the goal list and it is sad that the Bayern fans took to booing the player who has won so many matches for them.

● Picture shows a typical Müller goal against Werder Bremen.

MÜLLER'S RECORD IN FULL

World Cup winner: 1974
European Championship: 1972
European Cup: 1974, 1975, 1976
Cup Winners' Cup: 1967
Bundesliga: 1969, 1972, 1973, 1974
West German Cup: 1966, 1967, 1969, 1971
Footballer of the Year: 1967, 1969
European Footballer of the Year: 1970
World Cup top scorer: 1970 (10 goals)
Golden Boot winner: 1971/72 (40 goals)
Top Bundesliga scorer: 1967, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1978
International record: 63 games, 68 goals
Bundesliga record: 365 goals in 427 games

I wasn't long ago that Kenny Dalglish was the pin-up boy of the Celtic fans. Alex Cropley could do no wrong for Hibs. Andy Gray was the tearaway leader of Dundee United. Gordon McQueen was the rock St. Mirren's defence and Arthur Graham was bewildering defences who faced Aberdeen.

Sadly for Scottish soccer supporters, these superb individuals have now taken their talents South. They gave a splash of colour to Saturday, entertainers who would tempt fans out of their armchairs and away from television to support their favourites.

Now, they have gone. So who have taken their place as the bright boys of Scottish soccer? Who are today's star attractions?

Amazingly, Scotland always seems to find other jewels to replace those that have gone before. The scene today has many crowd-pleasers.

One who springs quickly to mind is Morton's wizard of the dribble and the possessor of blinding



Former Rangers star Alfie Conn (left) is now turning it on for Celtic.

"I'm a bit fed-up with all the criticism that comes from South of the border," says Rough.

"Malcolm Allison was criticising me recently, but I can't remember him ever watching us in a match.

"Possibly he has been watching little snippets on the television and they can always make a goalkeeper look daft. But I'm not making excuses. I've made mistakes and I've paid for them. It's as simple as that.

"Certainly I am not going to dwell on my mistakes forever. I know what I can and can't do. I know my strengths and my weaknesses."

Rough larger than life character in Glasgow rivals the one and only Frank Haffey, who performed for Celtic and Scotland. Haffey used to astonish fans and rival players

alike with his excursions out of the penalty box as an extra defender.

He was a flamboyant individual who, because of his bad timing, will probably be remembered best as the poor unfortunate 'keeper who had to bend his back nine times to pick the ball out of the net as England ran amok at Wembley one black day for all Scots in the early Sixties.

Rough hasn't experienced that and there is little likelihood that he will. He has played against England three times and been on the winning side twice. He hopes to make that a hat-trick at Wembley on May 26!

Another player with unhappy memories of Wembley is ALFIE CONN, the former Ranger, now turning it on for their deadly rivals Celtic.

Conn played in the 5-1 massacre four years ago, but he, too, has come bouncing back with some dazzling, breathtaking displays. Conn, like Rough, has his critics. Some say he is too showy and that he plays for himself and not the team.

SCOTLAND'S STAR ATTRACTIONS

talents... **ANDY RITCHIE.**

"He really is an incredible player," says his Cappielow manager Benny Rooney whose shrewd bit of transfer market bargaining took him to Morton along with £15,000 from Celtic for goalkeeper Roy Baines who has since returned to Greenock.

"The boy's a born entertainer. He's got that extra special something that makes him stand above other players. The things he can do with a ball are fairly bewildering at times.

"His free-kicks are marvellous. He can hit them from any angle and range and the opposing goalkeeper knows he is in for a hard time.

"There is a bit of showbusiness about Andy. Underneath it all, though, is a killer instinct. He is out for victory at all times, but if he can entertain while helping us to a win then that just makes his day."

Ritchie enjoys his football and says: "Some people say I am lazy because I don't run all over the place harrying the opposition.

"I don't see the point in chasing lost causes... that's just not my style. I play to my strengths just like every other player should."

In a recent Premier Division match against Partick Thistle at Cappielow Ritchie completely bamboozled the unfortunate Scottish international 'keeper Alan Rough with a cunningly-flighted free-kick from the left-wing which curled into the net as the goalkeeper looked on in horror and amazement.

"I knew it was going to be a goal as soon as it left Ritchie's foot," admits Rough. "My only excuse is that I hadn't played for around six or seven weeks because of the icy conditions and just wasn't ready to deal with accuracy such as that."

ALAN ROUGH, too, is a crowd-puller the fans love to see in action. Unfortunately his timing of his best games hasn't always been good. English viewers, for instance, saw that match against Morton on ITV and also witnessed Ritchie's effort that left Rough motionless.

Aberdeen's Joe Harper (far right) is Scotland's leading scorer this season. Morton's Andy Ritchie (right) has a killer instinct.





alongside Conn in the 5-1 Wembley walloping, also played that day against Aberdeen. It was his first League match at Parkhead in over a year and how the fans enjoyed his performance.

McGrain is a genuine world class right-back. Once he is completely free of the injury that threatened to end his career he will again get the applause and credit his skills and courage so richly deserve.

The Celtic skipper has openly stated that he has no wish to follow his great personal friend Kenny Dalglish into the English League and Parkhead followers welcomed that news. It was bad news, however, for Scottish outside-lefts!

JOE HARPER is a player who is loved by Aberdeen fans, but loathed by the sets of supporters of every other club.

"That doesn't worry me," says wee Joe, Scotland's top scorer this season. "I go out to score goals and help Aberdeen to victory. If I upset some rival fans while doing so, that's just too bad."

Harper has the knack of making his critics eat their words. He often comes hammering back when he has been written off. He is a born goalscorer and his Pittodrie team-mate Bobby Clark, the former international 'keeper, says: "I hated playing against Joe when he was with Morton and Hibs."

Tom "Jaws" Forsyth (left), the no-nonsense Rangers defender. Alan Rough (below) is a real crowd-puller.

"He is the sort of player who can read your mind. He seems to know what you are thinking and what you are going to do, and he also sizes up a situation in a flash."

"How many goals has he scored in crowded penalty-areas? That's not just luck. He 'reads' things well. He seems to know where that vital rebound is going to fall. That's something you cannot teach or coach into someone. It's something you are born with and Joe certainly has that gift."

Harper's timing can make his critics look a bit foolish. In a League match against Hibs a couple of seasons ago at Pittodrie the television commentator was saying: "And here's Harper. We haven't seen much of him today."

The sentence had just finished when Harper almost burst the Hibs net with a whizz-bang effort from 30 yards for the only goal of the game!

You must be a personality if you are given the nickname 'Jaws' and that is the title that has been won by Rangers' rugged TOM FORSYTH, the no-nonsense international defender.

"Tom isn't just all power, you know," says his Ibrox manager John Greig. "The big man has a lot of skill for which he rarely gets credit. I know how he feels... it was the same with me when I was a player."

Rival fans will tell you that Forsyth passes well but the player does have talent and his tackling, although fierce, is always fair. He is the type of player any team would be proud to possess.

Forsyth is a great competitor and a marvellous club and country player. He enjoys playing for Scotland and some of his most memorable moments have come against England.

Perfection

Fans still talk about his last ditch tackle on Mike Channon at Hampden four seasons ago which was timed to absolute perfection. Channon was preparing to slot in what would have been the equaliser as Scotland held on to a 2-1 lead, but Forsyth came from behind to slide in and knock the ball to safety.

A year later Forsyth again had Channon tucked nicely in his hip pocket as Scotland again won 2-1.

"That was my second win here," he said. His questioner corrected him, but Forsyth said: "Listen, I was on that pitch in '67 when we won 3-2. I might just have been a fan at the time, but I was there!"

Scottish soccer, then, is not barren of pin-up players despite all the transfers of top talent in recent years. It's a rich field when you also consider the likes of Frank McGarvey and Tony Fitzpatrick (both St. Mirren), Paul Hegarty and David Narey (both Dundee United), Bobby Russell and Derek Johnstone (Rangers), Tommy Burns, Roy Aitken and Davie Provan (Celtic) and Willie Miller (Aberdeen) are around to provide entertainment week in, week out.

Yes, soccer is still alive and well and living in Scotland.



Others will argue that Conn is a plus factor to any side with his enigmatic genius and his bedazzling skills. One way or another Conn is an attraction, of that there is no doubt.

He is a player who can bring the fans to their feet roaring their approval with one electrifying run. He started this season in simply brilliant form and the goals were flowing for him.

However, injury again interrupted his rhythm and he dropped out of the first team. He has since returned and is determined to prove himself all over again. He went four months without a goal in the top team, but when he broke that run of misery it was with a goal to remember.

It came against Aberdeen and it combined all his artistry and speed of thought. Davie Provan spurted past a Dons defender and swung a low ball into the penalty-area. Conn pounced with startling reflexes and lashed a low first time shot past Bobby Clark who hadn't a chance with a shot struck with such unerring accuracy.

DANNY McGRAIN, who played

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S Quiz Time

1. A 19-year-old youngster by the name of Ross Jack recently made his First Division debut for which club and scored against Middlesbrough?

2. Ipswich Town's Roger Osborne turned down a £70,000 transfer to Cardiff City, Charlton Athletic or Cambridge United?

3. Tommy Smith, Swansea City defender, was suspended recently for the second, third or fourth time this season?

4. Peterborough United's new manager Peter Morris went to which First Division club and signed Alan Guy and Tony Smith for a joint fee of £10,000?

5. Sunderland gave which former 1973 F.A. Cup Final hero a free transfer in early March?

6. Aldershot's goalscoring sensation John Dungworth scored his

26th, 27th or 28th of the season when The Shots won 2-0 at Bradford City on March 7th?

7. Oxford United's 0-0 draw with Southend United, on the same evening, was watched by their lowest crowd since they were elected in 1962. Was the attendance 2,913, 3,913 or 4,913?

8. Can you identify this player (above, right) who is a top class defender in the First Division?

9. Alex Ferguson is manager of which Scottish Premier Division club?

10. Barcelona midfield star Johan Neeskens was recently linked with which English First Division club?

BRITAIN IN EUROPE

The first-legs of the three European Cup competitions were played recently. Can you answer



the following questions about the games?

11. Glasgow Rangers travelled to FC Cologne in the European Cup and narrowly lost 1-0. Did the Germans score their goal in the first or second-half?

12. Forest were Britain's other representatives in the European Cup.

They played Grasshoppers and gained a fine 4-1 win at the City Ground. Who scored for the League Champions?

13. Was Arnold Muhren, Clive Woods or David Geddis forced to drop out of the Ipswich team for the clash with Barcelona at Portman Road only hours before the kick-off?

14. West Brom were beaten by an 87th minute goal in a tough away tie with which club?

15. Manchester City drew 1-1 with Borussia Mönchengladbach at Maine Road. Did Mike Channon put City 1-0 up or did he equalise for the club?

ANSWERS

1. Everton 2. Cardiff City 3. Third 4. Newcastle 5. Bobby Kerr 6. 2,913 7. West Brom's Alistair Robertson 8. Aberdeen 9. Arsenal 10. Second 11. Birtles, Robertson (penalty), Gemmill and Lloyd 12. Clive Woods 13. Red Star Belgrade 14. 1-0 up

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THE GATTING GUNNER

FAMOUS brothers aren't new to Arsenal. Remember the Comp-ton family — Leslie, a centre-half and Denis, a left-winger. But today, there's one half of another famous Middlesex sporting family making his name at the North London club.

Gatting is a name which Middlesex cricket fans will instantly recognise. Mike, now almost 22, has been a regular member of the Middlesex first XI for the past couple of years. He has also toured Pakistan and New Zealand with England.

But few cricket enthusiasts knew cricketer Mike had a younger brother Steve.

Steve Gatting has made the sporting headlines in another sphere — football. Steve has been doing well as a young midfield player of great potential with Arsenal. By the end of February he had played in 15 first team games for the high-flying Gunners.

That's progress because Gatting hadn't even made his first team debut at the start of the season.



Steve says: "I was obviously hoping I'd get a chance in the senior side this term but I never thought I'd play so many games."

Injuries originally helped young Gatting's route into the first team. Several senior players were out through injury when Arsenal met Southampton at Highbury in October.

Steve says: "I was given the job of marking Alan Ball on my debut. I'd seen him play often when I was a kid soon after joining Arsenal straight from school. My task was to stick close to him and I was happy with the way it went."

Clearly, manager Terry Neill was impressed, too. Young Gatting was soon a regular member of the first team squad and played several matches in midfield. He even played one game at full-back when Sammy Nelson suffered a dressing-room injury just before the home match with Wolves in February. Gatting played regularly in the first team until Arsenal signed Brian Talbot from Ipswich.

Gatting says: "That meant I was probably competing with David Price for a place in the middle. I like the left side or the middle of the midfield — I'm not so good on my right foot and that's a part of my game I'm working on."

"It's nice to be getting attention. Mike has been much better known than myself for his cricket although he, too, could have been a soccer player. We were both apprentices at Watford a few years ago but left because it wasn't a good set-up."

"I think the fact of the matter was this — although we both played cricket and football, Mike was more talented than me with the smaller ball and I was better at football."

'Chances'

"I think I was lucky to get an opportunity in the first team so soon. But I knew once that chance came along, I had to grab it. Competition for places is hot at Highbury so you might not get too many chances like that."

Versatile young Gatting can also play at centre-back. He played there when he first went to Highbury but was converted into midfield. But he says: "I'll play anywhere if there's a chance of first team action. Playing for a club with Arsenal's tradition and reputation is magnificent. Everything about the club is first class and it's a wonderful place to come and be trained in football."

Now, Gatting hopes for more first team action and perhaps an England Under-21 cap. If he does really make it in the game, Arsenal will have another famous 'brother' in their midst.

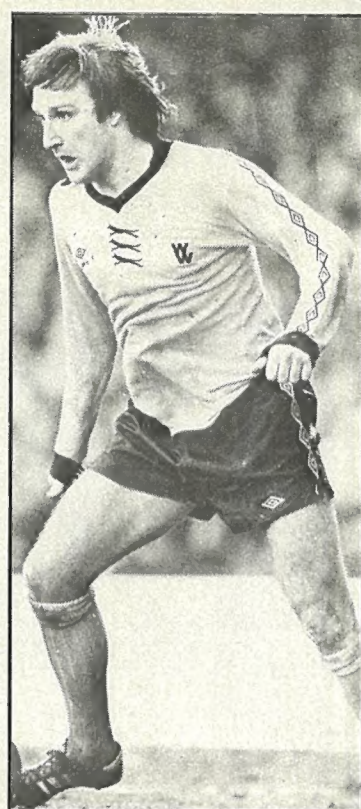
THE miracle John Barnwell has started to perform at Wolves began to take shape within days of his arrival. Barnwell stepped in as once proud Wolves were dipping towards the Second Division.

Once Sammy Chung had failed to stop the club's decline the Molineux directors decided he wasn't the man for the task. So, with Wolves' First Division life hanging precariously in the balance, in stepped Barnwell, the confident young manager who had left Peterborough.

Barnwell had several problems when he arrived. But one of the biggest tasks was to re-organise Wolves and get some spirit into the side. And also solve the Steve Daley problem.

Daley, the England 'B' international, was arguably the best player at Molineux. But Wolves' struggles had left the talented young player disillusioned. He wanted a move and wanted it fast.

Compare all that, then, with the situation just ten weeks after Barnwell's arrival. Wolves won at Highbury, beating second-placed Arsenal 1-0 through a goal from



STEVE is a happier DALEY now...

the fit-again John Richards. But what was more pleasing to Barnwell and the Wolves fans was the fact Wolves' win dragged them out of the bottom three relegation area for the first time this season. And as well as that, Steve Daley's fine form had helped their recovery.

Daley couldn't praise Barnwell highly enough. "The man has made a fantastic difference to this club," he said. "Before he arrived, we were in dire trouble. We were almost beaten before we had left the dressing room for a match, so low was the spirit. John Barnwell changed all that."

'Understanding'

He brought some revolutionary methods into the Wolves recovery programme. Daley explained: "In the first ten weeks John was in charge, we didn't have one training session! Just practice matches every day. It was a great idea because we badly needed understanding and you only get that by playing together."

What makes Barnwell such an outstanding capture for Wolves? Daley says: "He is straight and he knows what he wants. He came in and was completely honest and we all responded to that. Mr Barnwell can take pressure and still keep going and he is full of ideas."

"I believe that with Barnwell and Ritchie Barker, his assistant, Wolves have found a partnership to take them back to the glory days. They will enjoy success again under these two, I'm

absolutely certain of it."

The key question at Molineux now is whether Daley will stay to help the revival. Daley admits: "I just don't know what the situation will be. I'd like to stay and see Wolves to safety at least. But further than that, I don't know what is going to happen. There are so many rumours I'm a bit bewildered. But at the moment, it's fair to say I'm much happier now than I was earlier in the season. I'm enjoying my football again and I don't want to think about things that might or might not happen. The future can take care of itself."

Daley believes the demands of the job were just too much for Sammy Chung. "Sammy was a brilliant coach; there's no getting away from that," he says. "And he's a fine person. But maybe he should have had a little more experience of management before taking over a big task like the Wolves job."

Daley says Barnwell's positive attitude has been responsible for the big Wolves comeback. And he expects it to continue. He is straight-forward, doesn't want fancy football when we're still in trouble and has the right attitude for the situation. He wants the shortest way to goal and to be a winner. That's the kind of attitude I like and it's clearly been the right approach for this club.

"You just can't praise John Barnwell highly enough for the way he picked Wolves up off the floor. We had hope after ten weeks when none existed before that."

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